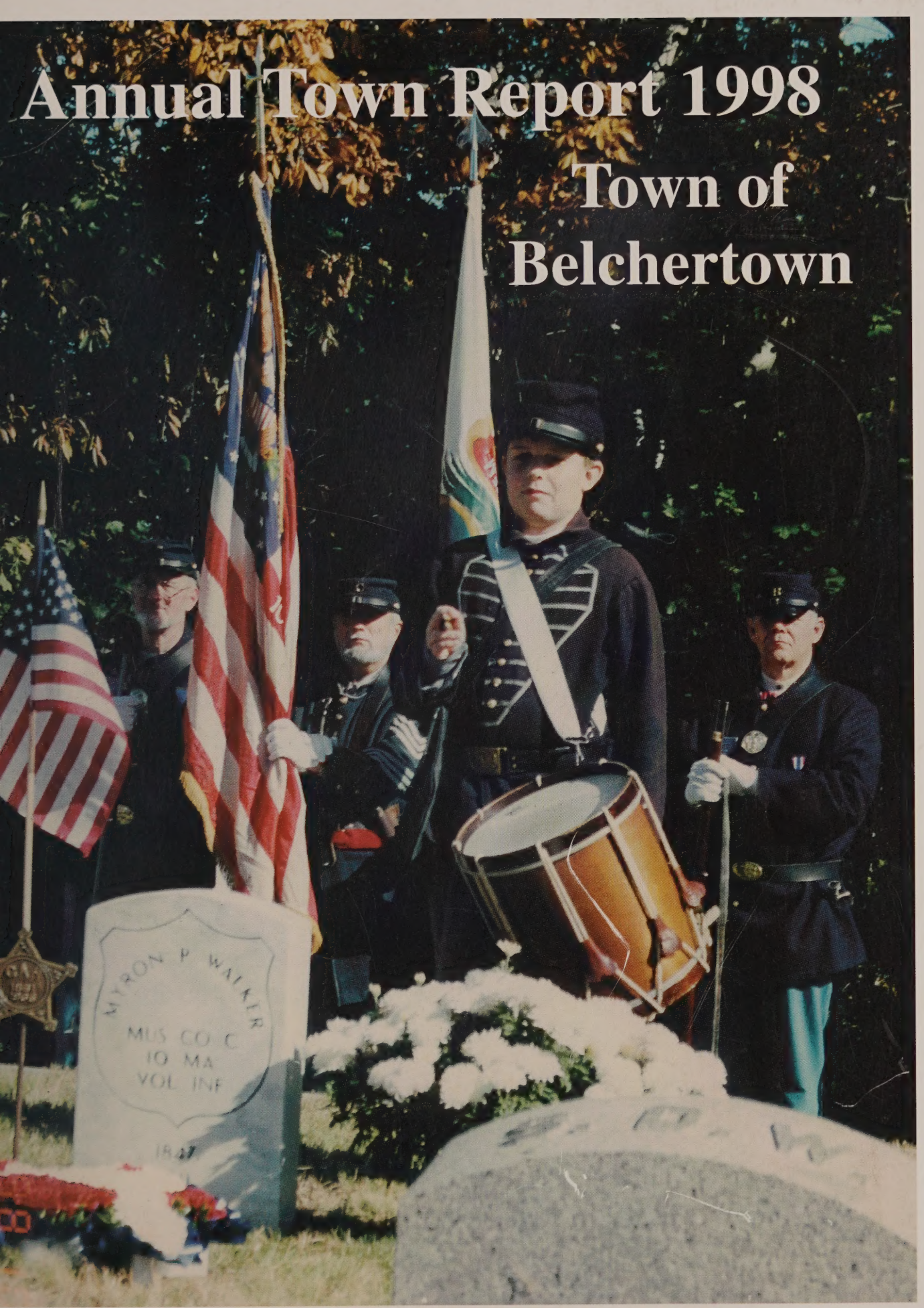


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About the cover ~

Myron P. Walker, a Civil War drummer boy.

On October 24, 1998, after 88 years in an unmarked grave, Myron P. Walker was honored with a ceremony placing a marble gravestone at his site in Mount Hope Cemetery, Park Street, Belchertown.

Members of the L.A. Tift Camp 15, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Northampton's 10th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, Company C, participated and added to the historical atmosphere. The Town's American Legion provided a color guard, and two buglers from the Belchertown High School Band played taps.

The Department of Veterans Affairs sent a gravestone, cut from Georgia marble, engraved with his name, the dates of his birth and death, military service, describing Walker only as "musician".

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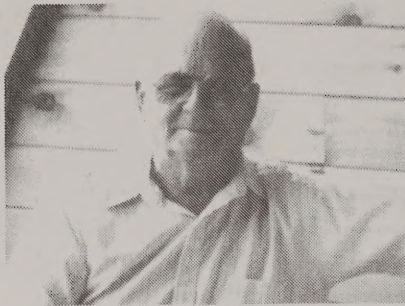
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NELSON HILL

Nelson Hill was born on January 21, 1915 in New Caanan, Connecticut, and moved to Belchertown in 1939.

He served Belchertown as its Police Chief, was a volunteer fireman, and an elected Constable. He was an Army Air Forces Veteran of World War II.

Nelson was a member of the Belchertown Farmers and Mechanics Club, a group that was active in organizing Belchertown's Annual Fair many years ago.

Nelson was employed as a maintenance foreman at the former Belchertown State School for many years. He was a member of the Vernon Masonic Lodge, and a past Patron of the Mt. Vernon Chapter of Eastern Star.

Upon retirement, Nelson Hill relocated to Florida.



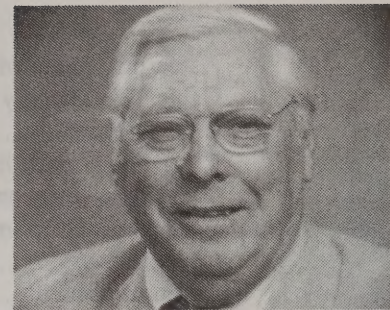
LOUIS FULLER

Louis Fuller was a lifelong resident of Belchertown, born on April 22, 1913.

He was an active member of the Belchertown Volunteer Fire Department for 64 years, serving as its chief from 1958 to 1976. He was honored as Belchertown's Citizen of the Year in 1970. He served on the Council on Aging for several years.

Louis owned and operated Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency. Although he semi-retired in 1980, Louis remained active in the business until 1996.

He was the longest living active member of the Belchertown Congregational Church, a member of 71 years, and served as a Deacon and Trustee.



W. IRA SHATTUCK

W. Ira Shattuck was born in Ponoka, Alberta, Canada on August 3, 1918. He moved to Belchertown in 1930, and attended Belchertown High School.

He served the Town as a member of the Belchertown Housing Authority, a member of the Senior Center Chair Lift Committee (for the former Senior Center site), and as Assistant Tree Warden. Ira was honored as Belchertown's Citizen of the Year in 1974.

Ira was the founder of Devon Lane Farm Supply, Inc., and owner of Devon Lane Farm. He was a breeder of registered Devon cattle.

1998 ELECTED OFFICERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds</u>		
Virginia M. Hislop		5/1998
Janet L. Wood		5/1998
Linda E. Barron(elected 5/11/98)		5/1999
Suzanne M. Bay(elected 5/11/98)		5/1999
<u>Trustees - Calvin Bridgman Fund</u>		
Mary S. Pratt		5/1999
Kenneth H. Snow		5/2000
Sylvia C. Conkey		5/2001
<u>Cemetery Commissioners</u> (now called Cemetery Advisory Board & no longer elected)		
David G. Hodgen (elected)		5/1998
<u>County Commissioner</u>		
Donald R. Laporte		5/1999
<u>Board of Assessors</u> (appointed Board members, then elected-effective 5/18/98)		
Neil S. McCann(appt.)		6/30/98
Janise G. Fitzpatrick(appt.)		6/30/99
Michael P. Forgue(appt.)		6/30/00
Samuel J. Joyal(elected 5/18/98)		5/2001
<u>Board of Health</u>		
David M. Haines		5/1998
Denise Finn-Rizzo		5/1999
Leonard R. Belisle		5/1999
Roger M. Bonsall		5/2000
Robert P. Bishop		5/2001
Gail L. Gramarossa(elected 5/18/98)		5/2001
<u>Housing Authority</u>		
James A. Barry		5/1998
Sally M. Dodge(elected 5/18/98)		5/1999
Louise M. Butler		5/2000
Thomas T. Soja		5/2001
Douglas G. Rae(State Member)		2/3/2002
Kenneth D. Nolan(elected 5/18/98)		5/2003
<u>Moderator</u>		
Terry Scott Nagel		5/1999
<u>Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members</u>		
Judith C. Dudek		11/2000
Michael Roncolato		11/2002

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Planning Board</u>		
Ronald Akins		5/1998
J. Arnold Voehringer		5/1999
James D. Hodgen		5/2000
Michael A. Beresky		5/2001
Elizabeth C. Chase		5/2002
James A. Barry(elected 5/18/98)		5/2003
<u>School Committee</u>		
Edward R. Mitnick		5/1999
Richard D. White		5/1999
Barbara Schaffer Bacon		5/2000
Sharon D. Barnett		5/2000
Kathleen Beresky		5/2001
<u>Board of Selectmen</u>		
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		5/1998
Bernard R. Kubiak		5/1998
David S. Fredenburgh		5/1999
Linda E. Barron		5/2000
Gerald A. Grasso		5/2000
Michael J. Reardon(elected 5/18/98)		5/2001
Steven D. Rose(elected 5/18/98)		5/2001

1998 APPOINTED OFFICERS

<u>Town Accountant</u>		
Eleanor W. Green		6/30/99
<u>Assistant Town Accountant</u>		
Jill M. Besancon		6/30/99
<u>Town Administrator</u>		
Gary L. Brougham		6/30/00
<u>Americans with Disabilities Act Committee</u>		
Robert Byard		Final Report
Lee Concheri		Final Report
Sally Dodge		Final Report
Judith Moreno		Final Report
Paul Adzima, Coordinator		Final Report
Ruthella Tucker		Final Report
Gary L. Brougham		Final Report
<u>Arts Council</u>		
Karen Schiffer		6/30/98
Gretchen Holesovsky		6/30/99
Donna M. Kendall		6/30/99
Paul A. Marean		6/30/99
Eva Robbins		6/30/99
Judith A. King		6/30/00
Judy McQuillen		6/30/01
Sheryl Jackson(appt. 7/98)		6/30/01

Name	Office	Term Expires
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Assistant Assessor

(appointed by Board of Assessors)

John Whelihan		6/30/99
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Cable TV Advisory Board

Linda E. Barron		6/30/98
Rita Lapointe(appt. 2/98)		6/30/98
Arthur L. Dunbar		6/30/99
James P. Kearney		6/30/99
Gregory Bowler(appt. 2/98)		6/30/99
Marilou Ferraro(appt. 2/98)		6/30/99
W.Daniel Fitzpatrick(appt. 6/98)		6/30/99

Civil Defense Director

Donald C. Elliott, Jr.		6/30/99
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Civil Defense Deputy Director

Robert S. Coates, Jr.		6/30/99
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Civil Defense Radio Officer

Raymond Breton, Jr.		6/30/98
Michael V. Greco(appt. 8/98)		6/30/99

Civil Defense Members

Jeffery A. Czech		6/30/99
John Milner		6/30/99

Conservation Commission

Joseph K. Babineau		6/30/99
Kathryn Z. Ruhf(resigned 1/98)		6/30/99
Paul Eurkus(appt. 2/98)		6/30/99
Hubert F. Greene		6/30/00
David M. Haines		6/30/00
Robert J. Rizzo		6/30/00
Jennie T. Greene		6/30/01
Robert W. Stover		6/30/01

Council on Aging

Joan Hutchinson		6/30/98
Eva "Terri" Ericksberg (resigned 12/98)		6/30/99
Jeannette M. Crowther		6/30/99
Joan Poole		6/30/99
Alice Peden		6/30/99
W.Daniel Fitzpatrick(appt. 12/98)		6/30/99
Michelle Ouhl		6/30/00
Marion Panto		6/30/00
Ethel Casey		6/30/00
William Kimball (appt. 1/98)		6/30/00
Theresa Glanville		6/30/01
Charlotte M. Tenczar		6/30/01
James R. Collard(appt. 12/98)		6/30/01

Dog Officer

Debra R. Michaud		4/30/99
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Name	Office	Term Expires
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Assistant Dog Officer

Judith Roberts		4/30/99
Jody A. Berenson(appt. 3/98)		4/30/99

Pound Keeper

Nancy J. Long(appt. 3/98)		
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Economic Development & Industrial Corporation

(EDIC)

Robert Brinkman(res. 5/98)		6/30/99
Jeanette Rossi		6/30/99
Eugenie Barry(appt. 8/98)		6/30/00
Kirk Stephens		6/30/00
Arthur Fiorelli		6/30/01
Stephen Lanphear		6/30/01
Steven McCafferty		6/30/01
Rep. Patrick Landers, Ex-Officio		
Francesca Maltese, Ex-Officio		
Jonathan Spiegel, Associate Member		
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member		
Judith A. Hubach, Associate Member		
Frances Callahan, Associate Member		

EDIC Advisory Committee

Jeannette Rossi		
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		
Gregory Galanek		
William Steplar		
John Curry		
Theresa Glanville		
William Terry		
Neil McCann		
Gary Surprenant		
Mark Lindhult, Associate Member		
Barbara Schaffer Bacon, Assoc. Member		

EMS Operations Manager

Thomas Majerowski		6/30/98
Gary Brougham(Interim Manager, effective 7/98)		

EMS Department

Jeffrey Sendek		6/30/98
Francis Fox		6/30/98
Nicole Robinson		6/30/98
Regina Stevenson		6/30/98
Scott Brougham		6/30/98
Charles Beaver		6/30/98
Thomas Majerowski(appt. 6/98)		6/30/99
John Hawley(appt. 6/98)		6/30/99
Bruce Jenks(appt. 6/98)		6/30/99
Jeff Scott(appt. 7/98)		6/30/99
David Conkey		6/30/99
James Taylor		6/30/99
Roy Bergeron		6/30/99

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EMS Department, continued

Andrea Conkey		6/30/99
Steven Syriac		6/30/99
Linda Saba		6/30/99
Ronald Beaver		6/30/99
Wilbert Stevenson		6/30/99
Frances Lofland		6/30/99
William Chapman(appt. 10/98)		6/30/99

Fair Committee

Robert Squires		6/30/98
Karen Miron		6/30/98
William Austin		6/30/99
Marguerite Brennen		6/30/99
Cindy Brown		6/30/99
Kevin Brown		6/30/99
Frances Lofland		6/30/99
Nancy Searle		6/30/99
Mark Nute		6/30/99
Rebecca Brown		6/30/99

Finance Committee

Ronald E. Aponte		6/30/99
Roseann Martoccia		6/30/99
Joel Slupnicki(appt. 6/98)		6/30/00
Michael J. Reardon (resigned 5/98)		6/30/00
Susan J. Cameron (resigned 1/98; re-appt. 5/98)		6/30/01
Gloria E. Ortiz		6/30/01

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Fire Station Building Committee

Samuel J. Joyal	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final Report
Edward Bock	Final Report
Richard Knight	Final Report
Kenneth Rhodes	Final Report
Homer Stebbins	Final Report
Robert Brock	Final Report
Michael Brougham	Final Report
Bruce Officer, Alternate	Final Report
Paul Greene, Alternate	Final Report
David Fredenburgh,	Final Report
Ex-Officio	

Name	Office	Term Expires
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First Night Committee(appt. 2/98)

Irene S. Clark	Final Report
Cheryl Garwacki	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa	Final Report
Debra J. Grudgen	Final Report
Sue Harlinski	Final Report
Kathy Henneman	Final Report
Diana Hitchcock	Final Report
Fran Lofland	Final Report
Michael Lofland	Final Report
Peg Louraine	Final Report
Agnes Robarge	Final Report
Jay Rossi	Final Report
Shirley Salvatore	Final Report

Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Charles Darling(resigned 2/98)	6/30/98
Donald C. Elliott, Jr.(appt. 2/98)	6/30/99
Edward F. Bock	6/30/99
Robert S. Coates, Jr. (Alternate)(appt. 2/98)	6/30/99

Board of Health – Appointments

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health	6/30/99
Randall Gauley, Health Inspector (effective 7/98)	6/30/99

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/99
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/99
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Inspector of Animals

Robert Novick	2/28/99
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High School Building Committee

Patrick S. Daly	Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Simon James	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Richard White	Final Report
Franklin D. Wenzel	Final Report
Edward J. Ciosek	Final Report
Gerald A. Grasso(appt. 6/98)	Final Report
Douglas Albertson (appt. 6/98)(ex-officio), to voting member 7/98	Final Report
Eric Bernardin (associate member, to voting member effective 7/98)	Final Report
James Brown (from voting member to non-voting assoc. member effective 7/98)	Final Report

Name	Office	Term Expires
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High School Building Committee, continued

Edward Perry (non-voting alternate member)		Final Report
David M. Sammataro, Assoc. Member		
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr., (non-voting member)		
Robert Byard, Ex-Officio(retired 6/98)		
Richard Pazasis, Ex-Officio(effective 7/98)		
Melissa Michaud, Non-Voting Adjunct Member		

Historical Commission

Thomas O'Neill	6/30/99
Gail Pisacane	6/30/99
Leslie Squires	6/30/99
Christine Harper	6/30/00
Edward Hood(res. 10/98)	6/30/00
Hilary Woodcock	6/30/01
Vincent DiMarco	6/30/01

Historic District Commission

John B. Curry III	6/30/99
Richard J. Davitt, Jr.	6/30/99
Doris Dickinson	6/30/00
Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/01

Holyoke Range Advisory Committee

Kenneth W. Rhodes	6/30/98
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Industrial Development Financing Authority

Janise G. Fitzpatrick	6/30/99
Steven D. Rose	6/30/00
John Malone, Associate Member	
Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr., Associate Member	
William F. Steplar, Associate Member	

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/99
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/99
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Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Owen P. Clifford	6/30/99
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Assistant Inspectors of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/99
Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/99

Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae	6/30/99
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Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Paul Choiniere	6/30/99
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Performance Evaluation Committee

Edward Bock		Final Report
Gary Brougham		Final Report
Terry Chevalier		Final Report
David Fredenburgh		Final Report
Esther Pierce		Final Report

Personnel Board

Ronald A. Pobieglo	6/30/98
David C. Kuzmeski	6/30/99
Themis J. Tsoumas	6/30/00
M. Florine Neggers	6/30/00
Lester Howard(appt. 6/98)	6/30/01
Maureen A. Wildey	6/30/01

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board - Alternates

(Members Appointed)

Michael T. Henry	6/30/99
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Planning Board - Associate Member

(Members Appointed)

James Natle	6/30/99
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Police Chief

Robert A. Knight

Police Department - Lieutenant

William C. Zobka(appt. 4/98, was Sergeant)	6/30/99
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Police Department - Sergeants (Full-time)

William C. Zobka(to Lieutenant 4/98)	6/30/98
Francis Fox	6/30/99
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/99
James Jackson(appt. 4/98 from full-time patrol officer)	6/30/99

Police Department - Patrol Officers (Full-time)

James Jackson(to Sergeant 4/98)	6/30/98
Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/99
William Beatty(resigned 11/98)	6/30/99
Sean Bracey	6/30/99
Winthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/99
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/99
William A. Panto	6/30/99
Edward H. Oey	6/30/99
Kevin J. Pacunas	6/30/99
Bruce Jenks	6/30/99
David A. Conkey(appt. effective 7/98 from part-time)	6/30/99
Joseph Fillmore(appt. effective 7/98 from part-time)	6/30/99

Name	Office	Term Expires
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Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

David A. Conkey(to full-time effective 7/98)	7/5/98
John Bonafini	6/30/99
Sean Hamel	6/30/99
James Taylor	6/30/99
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/99
David A. Black	6/30/99
Joseph Fillmore(to full-time effective 7/98)	7/5/98
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/99
Jeffrey Sendek	6/30/99
James Daniels(appt. 1/98)	6/30/99

Constables

John Milner	6/30/99
Andrew Sears	6/30/99

Police Candidate Review Committee

Peter Burton	6/30/99
Orin Bracey	6/30/99
Patricia Sheridan	6/30/99

Police Station Building Committee

John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Peter Burton	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Donna Derooin	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires (appt. 5/98)	Final Report
Susan Dawley (appt. 5/98)	Final Report
William Terry (appt. 5/98)	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Eleanor Green, Assistant

Public Weigher

Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/99
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Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Representatives

(Pioneer Valley Planning Commission)

Elizabeth Chase(served to 5/98)
James A. Barry(appt. 5/98)
Douglas Albertson, Alternate

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/98
Steven Williams (appt. 6/98)	6/30/99

Name	Office	Term Expires
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PVTA Advisory Board

(Pioneer Valley Transit Authority)

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/99
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Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce

Business Assistance Loan Program

(Belchertown's Representative)

William F. Steplar

Rationing Board

Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/99
Richard F. Dzialo	6/30/00
David H. Squires	6/30/01

Recreation Committee

Karen Schiffer, Assoc.	6/30/99
Robert L. Chartier	6/30/99
Bruce C. Smith	6/30/99
David S. Whipple, Assoc.	6/30/99
William Eldridge, Assoc.	6/30/99
Garry M. Bock	6/30/00
William R. Lafleur	6/30/01
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski	6/30/01

Recreation Director

Ronald Constantino(through 7/98)
Debra Dorval, Interim,(effective 7/98)
Robert S. Opalenik(appt.11/98)

Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

Registrars of Voters

Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/99
Dorothy M. Brennen	3/31/00
William R. Barnett, Clerk	6/30/00
Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/01

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury (Belchertown High School)	3/31/99
Richard M. Sinkoski (Pathfinder)	3/31/99

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault	8/31/99
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Election Officers – Precinct A

Rosemary Hodgen (Warden)	8/31/99
Barbara Frigon (Clerk)	8/31/99

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane Ricchiazzi (Warden)		8/31/99
Donna Abely (Clerk)		8/31/99

Election Officers – Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden)		8/31/99
Elizabeth Leger (Clerk)		8/31/99

Rent Control Board

Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.(res. 4/98)		6/30/98
Mitchell Vincent		6/30/99
Ronald Akins (appt. 5/98)		6/30/00
Hebert E. Squires		6/30/01
Daniel Beaudette(appt. 6/98)		6/30/02
Tracy Steadman(appt. 5/98)		6/30/03

Safety Committee

Gary L. Brougham		6/30/98
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		6/30/98
Robert Knight		6/30/98
Carla Kutt		6/30/98
William Linde		6/30/98

School Crossing Guards

Hector Tetreault		6/30/99
Andrew Sears, Sub.		6/30/99

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima		6/30/99
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Senior Center Building Committee

William F. Kimball,Jr.(appt. 5/98)	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyorka(appt. 5/98)	Final Report
Michael Reardon(appt. 6/98)	Final Report
Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Terri Clark (resigned 10/98)	Final Report
Barbara Cummings	Final Report

Sewer Treatment Plant Design Committee

Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Kathy Ruhf	Final Report

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham

Overseer of William Stebbins Account

Bernard R. Kubiak(resigned 5/98)
Michael J. Reardon(appt. 6/98)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams		6/30/99
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**Swift River Elementary School
Building Committee**

Pauline Johnson	Final Report
Kevin P. Lucey	Final Report
Sharon C. Marean	Final Report
Everett C. Hume	Final Report
Alan E. Weiss	Final Report
David Fredenburgh	Final Report
James P. Fox	Final Report
Robert B. Byard, Associate	Final Report
Peter Crowley, Associate	Final Report
Michael E. Smith, Associate(res. 2/98)	Final Report

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	6/30/00
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Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/99
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Treasurer-Collector

William R. Barnett	6/30/00
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Assistant Town Treasurer

Gloria J. Conkey	6/30/98
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Assistant Tax Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/98
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Deputy Collectors

Lisa M. Banner (office)	6/1999
Gloria J. Conkey (office)	6/1999
Shirley Dillard (office)	8/1999
Arthur C. Jones	12/1999
William F. Corbett	12/1999

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/99
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Veterans' Graves Officer

Robert C. Messier	3/31/99
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Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Wayne W. Buchanan(res. 2/98)	3/31/98
Vincent Viglione(appt. 3/98)	3/31/99

Veteran's Services Agent

A. William Carrier	6/30/99
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War Memorial Committee

Peter G. Thorpe	6/30/99
Leo Beauchemin	6/30/00
Roy F. Whidden	6/30/00
Herbert E. Squires	6/30/00
Francis A. Dudek	6/30/01

Zoning Board of Appeals

Stephan B. Wurmbrand	6/30/99
Scott Sumner	6/30/00
Michael A. Roncolato	6/30/01

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Walter Combs, Jr.	6/30/98
Walter Henry, Jr.	6/30/98
Sandra Webb	6/30/99
Diane Mas(appt. 7/98)	6/30/99
Raymond Goff(appt. 9/98)	6/30/99

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/99
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**Front: Gerald Grasso, Linda Barron (Chairman),
Steven Rose**
Back: David Fredenburgh, Michael Reardon

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Each year the Board of Selectmen has an opportunity through the Annual Town Report to look back at the projects, activities, and events that members helped guide or participate in over the past twelve months. We hope that our annual review is as useful to you as it is to us; reviewing the accomplishments of our Departments, Boards, and Committees makes us proud to have a leadership role in this community.

The Board of Selectmen bid farewell to two familiar figures this past year. Both Bernard Kubiak, who served four terms, and W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, a two-term member, decided not to run for re-election. They were recognized at last May's Annual Town Meeting for their many years of service on behalf of our citizens. Belchertown's Legislators acknowledged their substantial contributions and presented each of them with Citations from the Massachusetts House and Senate.

Joining the Board following the May election were Steven Rose and Michael Reardon. The newly-constituted Board reorganized as follows: Linda Barron, Chairman; Gerald Grasso, Vice Chairman; and Steven Rose, Clerk. Outgoing Chairman David Fredenburgh, along with Reardon, complete the five-person Board. In addition to our overall responsibilities as Selectmen, members serve as liaisons to departments, boards, or committees---a practice set up many years ago to facilitate communication and to handle routine matters that do not need to come before the full Board. This year the assignments were: Human Services, Environmental, and Recreation: Michael Reardon; Department of Public Works: David Fredenburgh; Public Safety: Steven Rose; Education: Gerald Grasso; and General Government: Linda Barron.

As we reflect on what we together have accomplished, signs of progress surround us in all directions. The new fire station, site preparation for a police station and a senior center, and many more important endeavors would not be happening without years of careful planning and prioritizing. Belchertown continues to experience significant growth, bringing with it the challenge of how to balance competing needs and available resources.

In fact, it is because former Boards of Selectmen were ever mindful of the future that we were able to move forward with several major projects this year. The most visible so far is our new brick Fire Station. Sitting just north of the original firehouse, this impressive structure should handle the Town's firefighting needs well into the next century. And "Hats off!" to the Firefighters Association, a group of dedicated volunteers who committed themselves to preserving sections of the original station on nearby property, where they will protect and display the rich history of the Belchertown Fire Department in a museum setting.

Another long-contemplated project finally began---the reconstruction and expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, a relic of the 1920s acquired by the Town following the close of the State School. After years of planning, ground was broken in July. When it is completed in two years, the upgraded treatment plant will meet regulations and serve the needs of the Sewer District for the foreseeable future.

But not every project has gone smoothly! Plagued by assorted delays and setbacks, we finally were able to take initial steps toward construction of both the new Police Station and the Senior Center at the State Street location to be known as the William G. Whitlock Municipal Complex. The two structures are being designed by Reinhardt Associates. Both building committees have been working steadily to develop specifications and review the architect's drawings. A construction contract is expected to be awarded in March of 1999; by the time this report is printed, the site should be abuzz with activity. Check it out when you pass by! A spring 2000 opening of both facilities is anticipated.

Although it was extremely frustrating to learn that State Building Code revisions made it impossible to renovate Nursery I and II at the State School for the Police Station and the Senior Center, that unpleasant development did free the buildings up for other uses not requiring major structural renovations. The Board has happily designated one of these buildings as the permanent home of the Belchertown Teen Center. Under the dynamic leadership of Susan Shea-Bressette, the part-time Coordinator with full-time energy and commitment, the building is being transformed into a place for activities and programs specifically for and by our teens. Operating on a

shoestring with donated materials, volunteers have scrubbed, scraped, and painted until cold weather forced them to suspend work until spring. The Board is grateful for this investment in our youth on the part of so many townspeople and businesses---an investment that we believe will return handsome dividends.

There can be no better way to invest in our youth than by providing a quality education for every student. After unanimous support at a Special Town Meeting in January, voters in February approved a ballot question to raise property taxes to cover the cost of bonding for the school's construction, thereby evidencing their commitment to provide the Town's high school students with a 21st century facility. We urge you to follow the work of the High School Building Committee as it oversees this most significant project.

It is important to note that, with the exception of the high school, all these major and quite essential projects are being paid for with funds from a variety of sources, including existing earmarked funds, revenues (state and local), bonds, betterments and user fees, without any tax override. The new high school will be funded by 76% reimbursement from the State, along with taxes from the debt exclusion. The Board continues to work closely with our Financial Management Team in order to chart the Town's financial course with a proper mixture of planning and prudence.

Last spring the Selectmen negotiated the renewal of the cable television contract for the Town, taking great care to ensure that townspeople would benefit from rapidly advancing communications technology. The existing cable franchise was purchased by Avalon Cable, and a new nine-year contract provides for significant expansion and upgrading of the system, including fiber optics.

Through the local-access cable Channel 5, we are able to keep citizens informed on a regular basis about many community activities. Dan Fitzpatrick, freed from his duties as Selectman, agreed to take on the unpaid position of Director. Under his guidance bolstered by the efforts of volunteers, local programming has been greatly increased. Now, in addition to the regular broadcast of Monday night Selectmen's meetings, townspeople can be "present" at the meetings of several other boards and committees, as well as hearings and town meetings. Cable subscribers can view democracy in action without ever leaving home! New features include Peg Louraine's lively, twice-monthly "Town Talk" interview program during which viewers may call in comments and questions for the guest participant (sometimes a town official). Other local events of interest--from concerts to sports--are screened on a tape-delay basis. If anyone has not yet discovered this resource, Channel 5 is a great way to keep aware of the many things happening in Town.

Tune in!

Computers are increasingly important in many aspects of daily living (and governing), thus the Board has supported their use in all town departments. A computer-training room in Town Hall makes it possible for town employees to readily acquire and/or upgrade their computer skills. The Board is acutely aware of the so-called "Y2K problem." A committee headed by the Director of Computing, Matt Moebius, has been working diligently throughout the past year on preparations to ensure a smooth transition to the year 2000.

However, the year 2000 will not enter Belchertown quietly! The First Night 2000 Committee, comprised of spirited volunteers, has been busy planning a series of fabulous events to usher in the new millennium. (Start saving now, so that you can purchase an official commemorative medallion! Featuring the Town Seal and specially designed art work, we hear that it will be a stunning collector's piece.)

Through the generosity and foresight of citizens who established trust funds in the previous century, the Town continues to provide short-term assistance to residents in need due to accidents or unexpected difficulties. Virginia Hislop and Janet Wood, Almoners elected by Town Meeting, were given special recognition last May for their dedicated and careful stewardship of the Susan Bridgman and Whiting Street endowed funds for a remarkable twenty-five years prior to their retirement in 1998. The Selectmen were successful this year in obtaining a court Judgment that permits the terms of Susan Bridgman's will (written over one hundred years ago) to be updated to contemporary language and further allows for flexibility in fiscal management in order to make the endowment more productive. In keeping with Mrs. Bridgman's stated desire to support the Library, the Town may now appropriate 20% of the interest income to the Library annually for the purchase of books--rather than the \$50 amount stipulated back in 1897.

In an occurrence rare for Belchertown, the quiet peace of a summer evening was shattered last August when more than three dozen shots rang out following a motor vehicle accident on Jensen Road. What could have been a great tragedy was avoided through the assistance of residents and the professional response of local and state police. At a Special Town Meeting held in December, residents Patricia and Tom Fuller and Belchertown Police Officers Bruce Jenks, Winthrop Kellogg, Edward Oey, Kevin Truehart, and William Zobka were honored for their courageous actions that summer night.



Photo courtesy of Sharie Truehart

Holding plaques presented at a ceremony honoring them for outstanding performance under fire, pictured above are Police Officers Kevin Truehart, Bruce Jenks, Lt. William Zobka, Winthrop Kellogg, and Edward Oey

The shopping center long planned for George Hannum Road is expected finally to become a reality later this year. Now called Milestone Crossing in recognition of the historic mile marker located near its entrance on Route 9, this project should provide a major boost to our local economy. The Board continues to look for ways to encourage and support business development in town, believing that the addition of business is an important element not only in spreading real estate taxes over a broader base, but also in providing more services and job opportunities.

The Selectmen joined townspeople in mourning the loss of several residents who left their mark on our community. Among them were former Police Chief Nelson Hill and former Fire Chief Louis Fuller. Recreation Director Ron Constantino lost his valiant battle with cancer and in tribute to his extraordinary achievements improving and expanding recreational opportunities for our residents, the Board named the recently acquired parcel of recreation land off Sargent Street the Ron Constantino Recreation Facility.

The Boston Post Gold Cane, awarded to the oldest resident in Town, again changed hands after Noe Bousquet passed away at the age of 100. In November the Board was pleased to present the Gold Cane pin and a certificate to Blanche Joyal, then 98+ years of age, in a ceremony attended by many of her family members.

The Board of Selectmen you elect is responsible for a vast range of departments and services, policies and procedures. This report has only touched upon some of the more significant projects and events of the past year. We urge you to read carefully the reports contained elsewhere in this Annual Report, for they contain a wealth of information about every aspect of life in Belchertown and will help you gain a broader

understanding of the complexities and intertwined functions of town government.

Our efforts of today are geared toward securing a good tomorrow for all our citizens. We appreciate the support of our constituents, and most especially the dedication and hard work of the men and women who work for the Town. We realize more than ever that we are privileged to live and serve in a community of caring people.

Bring on the next century!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Barron
Chairman, Board of Selectmen



Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of town government. This includes annual budget preparation by Departments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen; personnel administration; purchasing; grant administration; budget control; affirmative action; and any other duties the Selectmen may assign.

As a result of the aggressive growth of our Town, the "other duties" category increased tremendously in 1998. The preparation of bid specifications, contract documents, contract executions, project management and facilities planning has become a primary responsibility of this position.

At the present time, this office is involved in various phases of the following capitol projects:

Project	Completion	Cost
WWTP Renovation	May, 2000	\$8,200,000.00
Landfill Capping	January, 1999	\$1,000,000.00
New Fire Station	January, 1999	\$2,800,000.00
New Police Station	December, 1999	\$1,500,000.00
New Senior Center	December, 1999	\$1,300,000.00
Sewer Expansion -	December, 1999	\$3,800,000.00
Stadler Street/Pine Valley Plantation		\$400,000.00
High School Land	March, 1999	\$250,000.00
New High School	September, 2002	\$32,000,000.00
	Total:	\$51,000,000.00

When you consider the financial significance of these projects in comparison to their very aggressive construction cycles, one issue is quite apparent. Belchertown is a community on the move. There may not be a proportionately sized community in this entire Commonwealth able to offer a comparable agenda.

Although a major portion of these projects will be funded through grants, reimbursements or desirable financing, a major financial responsibility remains here within our Town. This concerns me greatly. As I am continually reminded of an escalating tax rate, I also witness tremendous growth. With the growth, additional requests for new or expanded Town services. This is a cycle we must balance! In short, our growth is challenging our financial limitations.

As an initiative to foster business development in Belchertown, we have targeted specific strategies to foster that growth. Specifically, expansion of water and municipal sewer services, planned land use and zoning revisions.

I am proud of the accomplishments of our appointed and elected officials for their contributions and forward movement in this area. In addition, the dedication and visioning of our Town employees is constant. Always looking for a more efficient method and a shorter route, their decisions are always made with the community in mind.

For various reasons, the following individuals were appointed in 1998 to their respective positions within our staff:

Robert Opalenik	Recreation Director
Rollin Dewitt	WWTP Operations Supervisor
Frances Lofland	Dispatcher - Police Department
James Caporale	Janitor - Senior Center
Angela Hollen	Social Services Aide - Senior Center
Maryanne Lak-Senecal	Clapp Memorial Library
Theresa Rothwell	Secretary - Fire Department
Joseph Fillmore	Police Officer
James Daniels	Police Officer

Together, these individuals bring years of experience and proficiency to our Town. Please join me in welcoming these individuals to our team and wishing them a positive employment experience in Belchertown.

In addition to their respective employment responsibilities, many of our employees participated on or benefited from the following committees or service training programs:

- Customer Service
- Public Safety
- American Disability Act
- Strategic Planning
- Geographic Information Systems
- Employee Needs
- CPR
- Computing Training
- Y2K (Year 2000)

Compliance with all State and Federal programs, labor laws and licensing requirements requires constant self compliance audits.

As you will read in the individual Department and Committee reports, the Town accomplished a great deal in 1998. Each year we face new challenges and it is our goal to face them effectively and proactively. I am very proud to work with such talented and professional employees and enjoy being a contributing member of the Belchertown team.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during their term. The Committee is not governed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Town officer or board.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews warrant articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and can not be postponed until Town Meeting.

The Town of Belchertown's operational and capital budgets continue to grow at a rapid pace. For Fiscal Year 1999 (July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999), the Town's budgeted operating expenses have increased over \$1.2 million (approximately 6%) versus FY98 totals. Most of the additional operating expenses can be traced to an increase in school spending (\$868,775) as well as the initial loan payment for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Line Extension Project (\$208,300). In addition to the increased operating expenses, over \$700,000 was appropriated for land purchase and architectural fees associated with the proposed new high school.

In addition to rising operational costs, Belchertown is also faced with funding several major capital projects. The Police Station and Senior Center Projects required additional funding to address new costs associated with the construction of new buildings versus the initial concept of renovating existing buildings. Unfortunately, the plan to renovate buildings on the former State School land was rendered financially imprudent by new, more stringent state building codes.

Additionally, other major capital projects such as the New High School and the new/upgraded sewer plant and line extension project will require the Town to provide "seed money" to begin construction on these worthy projects before either user fees or state reimbursement payments are eventually realized by the Town. Until that

time, the overburdened homeowners of Belchertown will shoulder the weight of these projects.

It is for these reasons that the Finance Committee's top priorities will be rebuild the Stabilization Fund while searching for opportunities to diversify the Town's tax base so that it includes more business and commerce. As we have seen in the recent past, by utilizing the Stabilization Fund to offset some of the financial demands of major projects, we can minimize the immediate impact to the Town while avoiding a "mortgaging" of the Town's future with exorbitant borrowing and interest expenses. With this goal in mind, we will continue to scrutinize the Town's operational budget for non-prudent expenditures and judge capital appropriations on their ability to generate a commensurate service, income and/or cost savings.

However, we believe that simple cost-cutting and efficiency increases alone will not save enough money to fund the aforementioned capital projects. This is why we implore Town officials to seek out additional sources of revenue so that needed projects are not financed almost solely by the home owners of Belchertown. We believe the development of a comprehensive Town Master Plan and the prudent usage of the former State School land are instrumental in the marketing of Belchertown to prospective business entities.

Belchertown's high quality of life has led to a steady period of growth for the Town. With this growth comes the need to increase and improve the Town's infrastructure as well as increased needs to protect and educate our families. Many of the imminent large capital items are necessary to ensure our high standard of living during this period of growth, however, their costs threaten the financial stability of the Town.

In order to overcome this predicament, the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, will continue to employ prudent financial judgment whenever your tax dollars are being spent. In addition, we will increase our efforts to seek out new revenue sources that will lessen the burden on all tax payers. This is our unwavering commitment to the residents of Belchertown.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1998

ASSETS

Cash		3,651,448.19
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	954,929.94	
Property Taxes of 1999	4,955,273.77	
Deferred Taxes	10,220.36	
Excise Taxes	170,288.96	
Tax Liens	1,017,153.92	
Lieu Taxes	10,233.07	
Special Assessments	436,452.25	
Departmental	78,522.25	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(654,609.99)</u>	
		6,978,464.53
Tax Foreclosure		<u>13,305.92</u>
Total Assets		<u>10,643,218.64</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		220,373.12
Employee Withholdings		54,789.62
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	5,165,593.72	
Excise Taxes	170,288.96	
Deferred Taxes	10,220.36	
Tax Liens	1,017,153.92	
Lieu Taxes	10,233.07	
Special Assessments	436,452.25	
Departmental	<u>78,522.25</u>	
		6,888,464.53
Unclaimed Checks		<u>21,824.82</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>7,185,452.09</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Encumbrances	1,339,582.87
Reserve for Expenditure	307,733.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,822,510.68
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under	<u>(12,060.00)</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>3,457,766.55</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,643,218.64</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 1998

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3,651,448.19	201,960.72	3,502,846.61	126,607.16	255,987.73	873,935.87		8,612,786.28
Investments						3,500.00		3,500.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	954,929.94							954,929.94
Property Taxes of 1999	4,955,273.77							4,955,273.77
Deferred Taxes	10,220.36							10,220.36
Excise Taxes	170,288.96							170,288.96
Tax Liens	1,017,153.92			16,449.91				1,033,603.83
Lieu Taxes	10,233.07							10,233.07
Special Assessments	436,452.25							436,452.25
Departmental	78,522.25			58,964.82				137,487.07
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(654,609.99)							(654,609.99)
1 Tax Foreclosures	13,305.92							13,305.92
Due from Other Governments		658,960.36	378,092.00					1,037,052.36
Amt to be Provided-Payment of Debt							12,514,001.00	12,514,001.00
Amt to be Prov.-Compensated Bal.							986,553.26	986,553.26
Total Assets	10,643,218.64	860,921.08	3,880,938.61	202,021.89	255,987.73	877,435.87	13,500,554.26	30,221,078.08
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	220,373.12	31,815.31	18,375.21	9,082.78	20,152.91	1,928.00		301,727.33
Employee Withholdings	54,789.62							54,789.62
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	5,165,593.72							5,165,593.72
Excise Taxes	170,288.96							170,288.96
Deferred Taxes	10,220.36							10,220.36
Tax Liens	1,017,153.92			16,449.91				1,033,603.83
Lieu Taxes	10,233.07							10,233.07
Special Assessments	436,452.25			58,964.82				436,452.25
Departmental	78,522.25							78,522.25

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Combined Balance Sheet

All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 1998

Other Governments		658,960.36	378,092.00				1,037,052.36
Unclaimed Checks	21,824.82						21,824.82
Bond Indebtedness						12,514,001.00	12,514,001.00
Compensated Absences						<u>986,553.25</u>	<u>986,553.25</u>
Total Liabilities	7,185,452.09	<u>690,775.67</u>	<u>396,467.21</u>	<u>84,497.51</u>	<u>20,152.91</u>	<u>1,928.00</u>	<u>21,879,827.64</u>
Fund Equity:							
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,339,582.87				3,282.12		1,342,864.99
Reserve for Expenditures	307,733.00						307,733.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,822,510.68						1,822,510.68
Fund Bal. Designated for Over/Under	(12,060.00)						(12,060.00)
Retained Earnings				117,524.38	232,552.70		350,077.08
Reserved Fund Balance		<u>170,145.41</u>	<u>3,484,471.40</u>			<u>875,507.87</u>	<u>4,530,124.68</u>
Total Fund Equity	3,457,766.55	<u>170,145.41</u>	<u>3,484,471.40</u>	<u>117,524.38</u>	<u>235,834.82</u>	<u>875,507.87</u>	<u>8,341,250.43</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	10,643,218.64	<u>860,921.08</u>	<u>3,880,938.61</u>	<u>202,021.89</u>	<u>255,987.73</u>	<u>877,435.87</u>	<u>30,221,078.07</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1998

	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS</u>			<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY TYPE</u> Expendable Trusts	<u>TOTALS</u> (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill		
Revenue:							
Taxes	9,556,904.20						9,556,904.20
State Receipts	9,017,056.78						9,017,056.78
Excise Taxes	919,208.26						919,208.26
Tax Liens	87,694.42			773.60			88,468.02
Lieu Taxes	146,685.57						146,685.57
Licenses & Permits	131,106.08						131,106.08
Special Assessments	57,202.09						57,202.09
Interest	529,188.22	2,461.58				40,982.63	572,632.43
Fines & Forfeits	113,679.28						113,679.28
Departmental Revenue	207,920.02			12,000.00			219,920.02
Fees	83,601.06						83,601.06
Off-Set Receipts	58,119.51						58,119.51
Other	78,234.91				4,977.90		94,598.93
Grants		8,636.12	2,750.00				11,386.12
Performance Guarantees		1,261,384.09	2,000.00				1,263,384.09
Gifts		33,600.00					33,600.00
Insurance Claims		21,213.00					21,213.00
User Fees		5,734.33					5,734.33
Tax Foreclosure		658,942.86		253,160.51	125,532.00		1,037,635.37
	<u>12401.21</u>						<u>12,401.21</u>
Total Revenues	20,999,001.61	1,991,971.98	4,750.00	265,934.11	130,509.90	40,982.63	23,433,150.23

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1998

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	
Expenditures:							
General Government	870,264.26	51,736.75					922,001.01
Protection of Persons & Property	1,289,448.28	106,670.69					1,396,118.97
Education	12,489,228.28	884,935.59					13,374,163.87
Public Works	864,604.09	700,597.31				2,538.32	1,567,739.72
Human Services	270,155.44	140,117.28				2,546.82	412,819.54
Culture & Recreation	338,028.96	167,690.64					505,719.60
Insurance & Unclassified	1,328,948.75						1,328,948.75
Debt & Interest	1,738,922.25						1,790,180.63
State Assessments	148,516.52						148,516.52
Prior Year Expenditures	957,448.96			51,258.38	772,888.74		1,730,337.70
Construction			1,937,165.38				1,937,165.38
Architectural & Engineering			142,029.12				142,029.12
Capital Equipment			3768.13	6,203.35			9,971.48
Environmental				202,125.71	178,482.29		380,608.00
Total Expenditures	20,295,565.79	2,051,748.26	2,082,962.63	259,587.44	951,371.03	5,085.14	25,646,320.29
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	703,435.82	(59,776.28)	(2,078,212.63)	6,346.67	(820,861.13)	35,897.49	(2,213,170.06)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	183,613.51		2,372,158.00	84,041.00	91,743.00	501,000.00	3,232,555.51
Operating Transfers Out	696,134.00	19,204.26	149,5785.35	310,800.00		711,272.65	3,233,196.26
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	(512,520.49)	(19,204.26)	876,372.65	(226,759.00)	91,743.00	(210,272.65)	(640.75)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	190,915.33	(78,980.54)	(1,201,839.98)	(220,412.33)	(729,118.13)	(174,375.16)	(2,213,810.81)
Fund Balance 7-1-97	3,266,851.22	249,125.95	4,686,311.38	337,936.71	964,952.95	913,410.38	10,418,588.59
Fund Balance 6-30-98	3,457,766.55	170,145.41	3,484,471.40	117,524.38	235,834.82	739,035.22	8,204,777.78

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1998

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY99
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$0.00	
Selectmen	\$19,229.00	\$2,100.00	\$19,574.87	\$1,754.13	
Town Administrator	\$49,350.00	\$500.00	\$48,939.96	\$910.04	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$750.00	\$159.00	\$906.58	\$2.42	
Finance Committee	\$527.00		\$344.21	\$182.79	
Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	(\$14,875.00)	\$0.00	\$15,125.00	
Town Accountant	\$165,455.00		\$162,347.00	\$3,108.00	
Computer Director	\$72,981.00	\$5,510.00	\$74,558.13	\$3,932.87	
Assessors	\$181,577.00		\$168,856.14	\$12,720.86	
Treasurer/Collector	\$162,559.00	\$1,200.00	\$156,059.87	\$7,699.13	
Law Account	\$81,300.00		\$77,689.20	\$3,610.80	
Town Clerk	\$54,434.00		\$53,968.68	\$465.32	
Election & Registration	\$13,975.00		\$11,602.31	\$2,372.69	
Purchase Development Rights	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Conservation Commission	\$31,756.00		\$30,529.36	\$1,226.64	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$1,586.85		\$1,586.85	\$0.00	
Planning Board	\$60,927.00	\$57.00	\$55,830.90	\$5,153.10	
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$3,384.00		\$1,028.52	\$2,355.48	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$200.00		\$32.50	\$167.50	
EDIC	\$2,500.00		\$2,324.68	\$175.32	\$66.53
Rail Trail Committee	\$500.00		\$59.50	\$440.50	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$4,000.00</u>		<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$957,015.85	(\$5,349.00)	\$870,264.26	\$81,402.59	\$20,066.53
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>					
Police Department	\$1,013,260.00		\$922,046.04	\$91,213.96	\$10,000.00
Fire Department	\$179,982.00		\$179,973.51	\$8.49	
Hydrant Service	\$18,215.00		\$18,214.40	\$0.60	
Ambulance Service	\$73,426.00		\$67,143.09	\$6,282.91	
Inspection Services	\$97,547.00		\$85,430.69	\$12,116.31	
Civil Defense	\$1,670.00		\$694.06	\$975.94	
Dog Officer	<u>\$15,726.00</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$15,946.49</u>	<u>\$404.51</u>	
	\$1,399,826.00	\$625.00	\$1,289,448.28	\$111,002.72	\$10,000.00
<u>EDUCATION</u>					
Town Schools	\$12,763,552.00		\$11,967,971.28	\$795,580.72	\$795,529.37
Regional School	\$518,829.00		\$516,385.00	\$2,444.00	
High School Elevator	<u>\$9,675.00</u>		<u>\$4,872.00</u>	<u>\$4,803.00</u>	
	\$13,292,056.00	\$0.00	\$12,489,228.28	\$802,827.72	\$795,529.37

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1998

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY99
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>					
Personal Services	\$338,770.00	\$340.00	\$326,963.36	\$12,146.64	
Professional Engineering	\$10,500.00		\$9,554.03	\$945.97	
Construction Materials	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00	\$0.00	
Snow & Ice Control	\$88,050.00		\$81,240.39	\$6,809.61	
Street Lighting	\$29,000.00		\$27,700.56	\$1,299.44	
Road Machinery	\$55,700.00		\$53,426.38	\$2,273.62	
Streets	\$42,800.00	\$884.00	\$43,683.28	\$0.72	
Town Garage	\$11,425.00	\$1,200.00	\$12,330.02	\$294.98	
Hired Services	\$48,300.00	\$72.00	\$48,371.29	\$0.71	
Cemetery Department	\$29,924.00		\$29,924.00	\$0.00	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$162,165.00		\$149,965.42	\$12,199.58	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$35,960.00	\$1,350.00	\$37,263.20	\$46.80	
Finnerty House	\$4,150.00		\$3,679.73	\$470.27	
Police Station	\$8,350.00	\$596.00	\$8,945.64	\$0.36	
Old Town Hall	\$5,284.00		\$4,808.82	\$475.18	
Town Common	\$1,350.00		\$1,272.97	\$77.03	
Town Clock	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00	
B.S.S. Land Infrastructure	<u>\$303,526.00</u>		<u>\$2,975.00</u>	<u>\$300,551.00</u>	<u>\$300,551.00</u>
	\$1,197,754.00	\$4,442.00	\$864,604.09	\$337,591.91	\$300,551.00
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>					
Board of Health	\$18,155.00		\$7,406.35	\$10,748.65	
Quabbin Health District	\$69,757.50		\$69,757.50	\$0.00	
Council on Aging	\$169,655.00		\$166,856.35	\$2,798.65	
Veterans' Services	<u>\$33,645.00</u>		<u>\$26,135.24</u>	<u>\$7,509.76</u>	
	\$291,212.50	\$0.00	\$270,155.44	\$21,057.06	\$0.00
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>					
Clapp Memorial Library	\$164,849.00		\$163,609.90	\$1,239.10	
Recreation Department	\$188,034.00		\$173,956.42	\$14,077.58	
Historic District	\$348.00		\$70.00	\$278.00	
Historical Commission	\$500.00		\$350.67	\$149.33	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>		<u>\$41.97</u>	<u>\$258.03</u>	
	\$354,031.00	\$0.00	\$338,028.96	\$16,002.04	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1998

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY99
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>					
Unclassified	\$41,300.00	\$282.00	\$41,581.67	\$0.33	
Pensions	\$476,497.00		\$475,997.00	\$500.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$26,203.00		\$22,818.97	\$3,384.03	
Unemployment	\$20,000.00		\$18,211.28	\$1,788.72	
Medicare	\$28,000.00		\$26,263.94	\$1,736.06	
Health Insurance	\$261,801.00		\$216,755.65	\$45,045.35	
Group Life	\$1,500.00		\$1,248.04	\$251.96	
General Insurance	\$194,572.00		\$186,534.00	\$8,038.00	
One-Time Appropriations	\$250,560.00		\$188,732.66	\$61,827.34	\$60,200.35
Capital Expenditures	\$242,615.00		\$149,680.34	\$92,934.66	\$90,334.81
Unpaid Bills-Prior Year	<u>\$2,379.95</u>		<u>\$1,125.20</u>	<u>\$1,254.75</u>	
	\$1,545,427.95	\$282.00	\$1,328,948.75	\$216,761.20	\$150,535.16
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>					
Maturing Debt	\$1,091,320.00		\$1,091,320.00	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$647,603.00</u>		<u>\$647,602.25</u>	<u>\$0.75</u>	
	\$1,738,923.00	\$0.00	\$1,738,922.25	\$0.75	\$0.00
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
General Government	\$957,015.85	(\$5,349.00)	\$870,264.26	\$81,402.59	\$20,066.53
Protection of Persons/Property	\$1,399,826.00	\$625.00	\$1,289,448.28	\$111,002.72	\$10,000.00
Education	\$13,292,056.00	\$0.00	\$12,489,228.28	\$802,827.72	\$795,529.37
Public Works	\$1,197,754.00	\$4,442.00	\$864,604.09	\$337,591.91	\$300,551.00
Human Services	\$291,212.50	\$0.00	\$270,155.44	\$21,057.06	\$0.00
Culture & Recreation	\$354,031.00	\$0.00	\$338,028.96	\$16,002.04	\$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$1,545,427.95	\$282.00	\$1,328,948.75	\$216,761.20	\$150,535.16
Debt & Interest	<u>\$1,738,923.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,738,922.25</u>	<u>\$0.75</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$20,776,246.30	\$0.00	\$19,189,600.31	\$1,586,645.99	\$1,276,682.06
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$1,054,908.20</u>	<u>(\$9,675.00)</u>	<u>\$957,448.96</u>	<u>\$87,784.24</u>	<u>\$62,900.81</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$21,831,154.50</u>	<u>(\$9,675.00)</u>	<u>\$20,147,049.27</u>	<u>\$1,674,430.23</u>	<u>\$1,339,582.87</u>

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1998

	Brought Forward to FY98	Approp. In (Out)	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY99
<u>ENCUMBERED FUNDS</u>					
School Department	\$677,821.29		\$677,109.65	\$711.64	
High School Elevator	\$125,000.00	(\$9,675.00)	\$113,059.38	\$2,265.62	
Assessors	\$1,715.00		\$1,715.00	\$0.00	
EDIC	\$34,000.00		\$34,000.00	\$0.00	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$1,374.10		\$1,374.10	\$0.00	
Finnerty House	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditures	\$144,341.97		\$97,934.92	\$46,407.05	\$46,146.22
Police Department	\$30,240.00		\$8,594.66	\$21,645.34	
Board of Health	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00	\$0.00	
Elementary School Bldg Com	\$9,371.47		\$0.00	\$9,371.47	\$9,371.47
Fire Station Building Comm.	\$8,444.37		\$6,061.25	\$2,383.12	\$2,383.12
Traffic Light Configuration	\$5,000.00		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Codify Town By-Laws	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
	<u>\$1,054,908.20</u>	<u>(\$9,675.00)</u>	<u>\$957,448.96</u>	<u>\$87,784.24</u>	<u>\$62,900.81</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 1998

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/1997	Paid In FY1998	Outstanding 6/30/1998	Due In FY1999
Bay Road Water Loan	1984	5.00	320.00	320.00	0.00	0.00
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	526,000.00	31,000.00	495,000.00	31,000.00
G. Hannum Sewer Loan	1992	6.40	43,000.00	43,000.00	0.00	0.00
WPAT Sewer Relining Paid by Grant	1995	0	68,994.00	6,882.38 2,289.62	59,822.00	9,391.00
Middle School Loan	1992	4.55	3,200,000.00	500,000.00	2,700,000.00	485,000.00
Elementary School Loan	1996	4.87	9,505,000.00	440,000.00	9,065,000.00	465,000.00
Combined Maint. Loan	1993	4.25	90,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
Equipment Loan	1996	4.80	<u>224,179.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>149,179.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>
			<u>13,657,493.00</u>	<u>1,143,492.00</u>	<u>12,514,001.00</u>	<u>1,110,391.00</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 1998

	Principal	Interest	Total
1999	1,110,391.00	595,361.93	1,705,752.93
2000	1,079,794.00	539,346.98	1,619,140.98
2001	1,010,846.00	484,287.53	1,495,133.53
2002	1,036,081.00	429,874.57	1,465,955.57
2003	1,041,321.00	384,072.89	1,425,393.89
2004	1,061,568.00	336,717.22	1,398,285.22
2005	671,000.00	298,400.00	969,400.00
2006	436,000.00	268,600.00	704,600.00
2007	461,000.00	248,825.00	709,825.00
2008	481,000.00	227,495.00	708,495.00
2009	506,000.00	204,795.00	710,795.00
2010	536,000.00	180,445.00	716,445.00
2011	561,000.00	154,150.00	715,150.00
2012	591,000.00	126,100.00	717,100.00
2013	621,000.00	96,550.00	717,550.00
2014	655,000.00	65,500.00	720,500.00
2015	<u>655,000.00</u>	<u>32,750.00</u>	<u>687,750.00</u>
	12,514,001.00	4,673,271.12	17,187,272.12

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1998

	Balance 7/1/1997	Additions	Balance 6/30/1998
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	5,150.00 10,000.00		5,150.00 10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	2,000.00 6,000.00		2,000.00 6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	10,465.51	70.00	10,535.51
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	82,037.14	1,650.00	83,687.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	<u>300.00</u>		<u>300.00</u>
	<u>134,752.65</u>	<u>1,720.00</u>	<u>136,472.65</u>

Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 1998

	Balance 7/1/1997	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred Out	Audit Adjustment	Reserved	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/1998
Poor Funds:									
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$60,693.08 \$34,137.71		\$12,067.85 \$1,851.44	\$2,436.82		\$149.99		\$70,324.11 \$36,139.14	\$70,324.11 \$36,139.14
School Funds:									
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	\$2,708.30 \$7,887.57		\$196.59 \$583.36			\$47.26		\$2,904.89 \$8,518.19	\$2,904.89 \$8,518.19
Library Fund:									
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$4,538.86		\$354.14			(\$47.26)		\$4,845.74	\$4,845.74
Town Clock Fund:									
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$2,216.33		\$180.36					\$2,396.69	\$2,396.69
Senior Center Fund:									
Senior Center Memorial	\$786.67		\$473.79					\$1,260.46	\$1,260.46
Cemetery Funds:									
Perpetual Care	\$9,164.47		\$5,234.59	\$2,538.32				\$11,860.74	\$11,860.74
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$877.89		\$44.88					\$922.77	\$922.77
Nellie E. Brown	\$3,551.47		\$189.32	\$110.00				\$3,630.79	\$3,630.79
Willard Stebbins	\$4,215.23		\$230.47			(\$149.99)		\$4,295.71	\$4,295.71
Vianna E. Somes	\$1,619.21		\$80.21					\$1,699.42	\$1,699.42
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$377.70		\$301.75					\$679.45	\$679.45
Penson Fund	\$8,769.04		\$1,054.64					\$9,823.68	\$9,823.68
Conservation Fund	\$13,524.74	\$1,000.00	\$581.94				\$1,875.00	\$13,231.68	\$15,106.68
Stabilization Fund	\$758,342.11	\$500,000.00	\$17,557.30		\$711,272.65		\$450,000.00	\$114,626.76	\$564,626.76
	\$913,410.38	\$501,000.00	\$40,982.63	\$5,085.14	\$711,272.65	\$0.00	\$451,875.00	\$287,160.22	\$739,035.22

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998

Cash on Hand 6/30/97:	\$11,028,189.24	Payments, as authorized:	\$25,646,320.29
Receipts 7/1/97-6/30/98:	<u>23,317,997.25</u>	Cash on hand 6/30/98:	<u>8,699,866.20</u>
	\$34,346,186.49		\$34,346,186.49

Interest income from Savings Deposits & Investments, but excluding Trust Funds, Special Accounts & Stabilization Account \$400,962.66

NO FUNDS WERE BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD 7/1/97-6/30/98 (FY 1998)

TRUST FUNDS & SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

<u>Account</u>	<u>6/30/97</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Interest & Div.</u>	<u>Transfers & Withdrawals</u>	<u>6/30/98</u>
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	\$13,948.46		\$583.36		\$14,531.82
George Longley	4,700.75		196.59		4,897.34
Susan Bridgman (Cemetery)	1,073.07		44.88		1,117.95
Whiting Street	44,270.89		1,851.44		46,122.33
Willard Stebbins (Cemetery)	5,558.63		230.47		5,789.10
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	8,467.98		354.14		8,822.12
*Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	63,304.00		12,067.85	2683.82	72,688.03
Vianna Somes (Mt. Hope Cem.)	1,917.38		80.21		1,997.59
Nellie Brown (Mt. Hope Cem.)	4,543.04		189.32	70.00	4,662.36
Perpetual Care (MMDT Cem.)	82,237.41		4,620.91		86,858.32
Perpetual Care (Reg. Cem.)	13,872.38	1650.00	613.68	261.00	15,875.06
Frank Scialla Mem. Fund	4,312.26		180.36		4,492.62
Conservation	13,914.70		581.94		14,496.64
Stabilization Fund (MMDT)	288,345.11	500,000.00	17,554.30	241,272.65	564,626.76
Pension Reserve	18,769.04		1,054.64		19,823.68
Senior Center Trust	11,287.92	70.00	473.79		11831.71
TOTALS	\$580,523.02	\$501,720.00	\$40,677.88	\$244,287.47	\$878,633.43

*5862 number of shares at Fleet Bank are also part of the Bridgman Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Treasurer

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR

7/1/1997-6/30/1998

FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	356.40
COLLECTED	\$	255.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	101.20	
	\$	356.40	\$ 356.40

FISCAL 1988 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	1,586.44
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	1,586.44	
	\$	1,586.44	\$ 1,586.44

FISCAL 1976 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	234.60
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	234.60	
	\$	234.60	\$ 234.60

FISCAL 1989 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	2,474.41
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	2,474.41	
	\$	2,474.41	\$ 2,474.41

FISCAL 1979 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	891.48
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	891.48	
	\$	891.48	\$ 891.48

FISCAL 1990 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	252.29
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	252.29	
	\$	252.29	\$ 252.29

FISCAL 1980 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	957.60
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	957.60	
	\$	957.60	\$ 957.60

FISCAL 1991 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	975.89
REFUNDED		\$	265.36
COLLECTED	\$	55.09	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	1,186.16	
	\$	1,241.25	\$ 1,241.25

FISCAL 1981 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	792.40
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	792.40	
	\$	792.40	\$ 792.40

FISCAL 1992 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	568.58
TAX TITLE	\$	59.15	
COLLECTED	\$	196.57	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	312.86	
	\$	568.58	\$ 568.58

FISCAL 1982 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	1,163.14
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	1,163.14	
	\$	1,163.14	\$ 1,163.14

FISCAL 1993 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	1,127.83
TAX TITLE	\$	176.52	
COLLECTED	\$	414.69	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	536.62	
	\$	1,127.83	\$ 1,127.83

FISCAL 1984 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	72.59
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	72.59	
	\$	72.59	\$ 72.59

FISCAL 1994 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	9,187.94
REFUNDED		\$	187.75
TAX TITLE	\$	193.50	
ABATED	\$	187.75	
COLLECTED	\$	5,999.88	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	2,994.56	
	\$	9,375.69	\$ 9,375.69

FISCAL 1985 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	(11.00)
REFUNDED		\$	11.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	-	\$ -

FISCAL 1995 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	93,874.72
REFUNDED		\$	192.38
TAX TITLE	\$	25,483.29	
ABATED	\$	268.68	
COLLECTED	\$	51,054.05	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	17,261.08	
	\$	94,067.10	\$ 94,067.10

FISCAL 1987 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	4.39
COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	4.39	
	\$	4.39	\$ 4.39

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1997-6/30/1998

FISCAL 1996 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 189,826.10
REFUNDED \$ 206.00
TAX TITLE \$ 29,272.20
ABATED \$ 377.89
COLLECTED \$ 74,146.30
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 86,235.71
\$ 190,032.10 \$ 190,032.10

FISCAL 1997 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 514,650.88
REFUNDED \$ 546.95
TAX TITLE \$ 152,255.98
ABATED \$ 1,501.49
COLLECTED \$ 204,302.65
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 157,137.71
\$ 515,197.83 \$ 515,197.83

FISCAL 1998 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$4,625,963.18
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$4,944,097.02
REFUNDED \$ 24,722.62
DEFERRED TAX \$ 2,829.37
ABATED \$ 58,370.32
COLLECTED \$ 9,000,604.55
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 532,978.58
\$ 9,594,782.82 \$ 9,594,782.82

FISCAL 1999 REAL ESTATE
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$4,872,789.37
COLLECTED \$ 23,225.27
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 4,849,564.10
\$ 4,872,789.37 \$ 4,872,789.37

FISCAL 1985 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 32.07
ABATED \$ 32.07
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ -
\$ 32.07 \$ 32.07

FISCAL 1986 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 37.38
ABATED \$ 37.38
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ -
\$ 37.38 \$ 37.38

FISCAL 1987 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 316.71
ABATED \$ 316.71
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ -
\$ 316.71 \$ 316.71

FISCAL 1988 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 328.64
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 328.64
\$ 328.64 \$ 328.64

FISCAL 1989 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 458.72
COLLECTED \$ 36.78
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 421.94
\$ 458.72 \$ 458.72

FISCAL 1990 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 2,759.76
COLLECTED \$ 51.83
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 2,707.93
\$ 2,759.76 \$ 2,759.76

FISCAL 1991 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 1,640.85
COLLECTED \$ 291.56
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 1,349.29
\$ 1,640.85 \$ 1,640.85

FISCAL 1992 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 2,407.48
REFUNDED \$ 0.71
COLLECTED \$ 289.21
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 2,118.98
\$ 2,408.19 \$ 2,408.19

FISCAL 1993 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 3,998.36
COLLECTED \$ 22.61
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 3,975.75
\$ 3,998.36 \$ 3,998.36

FISCAL 1994 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 8,423.76
REFUNDED \$ 0.12
COLLECTED \$ 2.83
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 8,421.05
\$ 8,423.88 \$ 8,423.88

FISCAL 1995 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 14,535.63
COLLECTED \$ 5,305.46
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 9,230.17
\$ 14,535.63 \$ 14,535.63

FISCAL 1996 PERS. PROP
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 13,998.33
COLLECTED \$ 823.54
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 13,174.79
\$ 13,998.33 \$ 13,998.33

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1997-6/30/1998

FISCAL 1997 PERS. PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	12,373.55
REFUNDED		\$	0.41
ABATED	\$	24.02	
COLLECTED	\$	2,580.64	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	9,769.30	
	\$	12,373.96	\$ 12,373.96

1987 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	8,147.78
ABATED	\$	8,082.16	
COLLECTED	\$	65.62	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	8,147.78	\$ 8,147.78

FISCAL 1998 PERS. PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	104,024.26
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	112,204.55
REFUNDED		\$	420.42
ABATED	\$	341.54	
COLLECTED	\$	206,978.55	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	9,329.14	
	\$	216,649.23	\$ 216,649.23

1988 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	8,843.49
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	\$	12.77	
ABATED	\$	8,751.14	
COLLECTED	\$	79.58	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	8,843.49	\$ 8,843.49

FISCAL 1999 PERS. PROP			
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	106,409.50
COLLECTED	\$	2.64	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	106,406.86	
	\$	106,409.50	\$ 106,409.50

1989 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	10,198.65
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	\$	3.00	
ABATED	\$	10,099.40	
COLLECTED	\$	96.25	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	10,198.65	\$ 10,198.65

1983 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	2,813.47
ABATED	\$	2,785.97	
COLLECTED	\$	27.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	2,813.47	\$ 2,813.47

1990 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	9,806.52
ABATED	\$	9,659.02	
COLLECTED	\$	147.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	9,806.52	\$ 9,806.52

1984 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	3,177.88
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT		\$	2.00
ABATED	\$	3,174.15	
COLLECTED	\$	5.73	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	3,179.88	\$ 3,179.88

1991 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	8,393.98
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	\$	19.97	
ABATED	\$	8,342.76	
COLLECTED	\$	31.25	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	8,393.98	\$ 8,393.98

1985 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	3,999.56
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	\$	4.76	
ABATED	\$	3,989.80	
COLLECTED	\$	5.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	3,999.56	\$ 3,999.56

1992 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	8,536.98
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	\$	2.36	
ABATED	\$	8,244.62	
COLLECTED	\$	290.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	8,536.98	\$ 8,536.98

1986 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	3,697.87
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT		\$	1.25
ABATED	\$	3,686.62	
COLLECTED	\$	12.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	3,699.12	\$ 3,699.12

1993 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$	7,384.98
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	57.19
COLLECTED	\$	990.94	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	6,451.23	
	\$	7,442.17	\$ 7,442.17

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1997-6/30/1998

1994 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 10,126.94
COLLECTED \$ 2,065.54
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 8,061.40
\$ 10,126.94 \$ 10,126.94

1995 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 12,902.09
ABATED \$ 17.50
COLLECTED \$ 4,960.15
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 7,924.44
\$ 12,902.09 \$ 12,902.09

1996 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 27,114.60
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 2,955.31
REFUNDED \$ 371.32
ABATED \$ 410.94
COLLECTED \$ 19,189.59
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 10,840.70
\$ 30,441.23 \$ 30,441.23

1997 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 159,477.85
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 175,501.11
REFUNDED \$ 6,246.79
ABATED \$ 15,988.02
COLLECTED \$ 303,982.48
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 21,255.25
\$ 341,225.75 \$ 341,225.75

1998 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 714,287.87
REFUNDED \$ 3,760.00
ABATED \$ 14,206.73
COLLECTED \$ 594,325.24
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 109,515.90
\$ 718,047.87 \$ 718,047.87

1983 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 107.50
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 107.50
\$ 107.50 \$ 107.50

1984 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 148.50
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 148.50
\$ 148.50 \$ 148.50

1985 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 115.50
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 115.50
\$ 115.50 \$ 115.50

1986 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 59.00
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 59.00
\$ 59.00 \$ 59.00

1987 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 59.00
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 59.00
\$ 59.00 \$ 59.00

1988 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 345.50
COLLECTED \$ 66.50
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 279.00
\$ 345.50 \$ 345.50

1989 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 174.50
COLLECTED \$ 106.50
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 68.00
\$ 174.50 \$ 174.50

1990 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 411.50
COLLECTED \$ 148.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 263.50
\$ 411.50 \$ 411.50

1991 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 448.50
COLLECTED \$ 202.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 246.50
\$ 448.50 \$ 448.50

1992 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 292.50
COLLECTED \$ 62.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 230.50
\$ 292.50 \$ 292.50

1993 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 1,278.38
COLLECTED \$ 132.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 1,146.38
\$ 1,278.38 \$ 1,278.38

1994 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997 \$ 1,266.72
COLLECTED \$ 124.06
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998 \$ 1,142.66
\$ 1,266.72 \$ 1,266.72

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1997-6/30/1998

1995 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1998 SEWER CHARGES			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 883.25	COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$ 76,786.04	
COLLECTED	\$ 712.25			COLLECTED	\$ 46,474.78		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 171.00			OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997	\$ 30,311.26		
	\$ 883.25	\$ 883.25			\$ 76,786.04	\$ 76,786.04	
1996 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1996 DAIGLE WELL BETT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 1,704.00	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$ 1,698.50	
ABATED	\$ 23.00			TAX TITLE	\$ 300.00		
COLLECTED	\$ 1,028.00			OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 1,398.50		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 653.00				\$ 1,698.50	\$ 1,698.50	
	\$ 1,704.00	\$ 1,704.00					
1997 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1997 DAIGLE WELL BETT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 1,550.00	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$ 4,760.99	
COLLECTED	\$ 1,038.50			REFUND		\$ 98.02	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 511.50			TAX TITLE	\$ 850.29		
	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00		COLLECTED	\$ 1,689.29		
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 2,319.43		
					\$ 4,859.01	\$ 4,859.01	
1995 SEWER LIENS				1998 DAIGLE WELL BETT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 614.72	COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$ 40,057.41	
COLLECTED	\$ 574.85			COLLECTED	\$ 36,398.15		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 39.87			OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 3,659.26		
	\$ 614.72	\$ 614.72			\$ 40,057.41	\$ 40,057.41	
1996 SEWER LIENS				BETTERMENT IN ADVANCE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 1,101.59	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$ 1,910.34	
ABATED	\$ 100.15			COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$ 13,365.89	
COLLECTED	\$ 347.61			COLLECTED	\$ 15,080.19		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 653.83			OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 196.04		
	\$ 1,101.59	\$ 1,101.59			\$ 15,276.23	\$ 15,276.23	
1997 SEWER LIENS				MISC. ACCTS RECEIVABLE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 3,258.62	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$ 98,759.87	
TAX TITLE	\$ 272.95			COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$ 35,307.46	
COLLECTED	\$ 761.34			COLLECTED	\$ 37,565.18		
OUTSTANDING 6/10/1998	\$ 2,224.33			OUTSTANDING 6/30/11998	\$ 96,502.15		
	\$ 3,258.62	\$ 3,258.62			\$134,067.33	\$ 134,067.33	
1996 SEWER CHARGES				AMBULANCE ACCOUNT			
SUBS: 1998 SEWER LIENS				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997		\$ 51,562.60	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 16,487.35	COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$ 166,430.13	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.			\$ 1,040.18	REFUNDED		\$ 2,194.92	
COLLECTED	\$ 15,402.25			ABATED	\$ 23,475.88		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 2,125.28			COLLECTED	\$147,761.25		
	\$ 17,527.53	\$ 17,527.53		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 48,950.52		
					\$220,187.65	\$ 220,187.65	
1997 SEWER CHARGES				MISC. SEWER ACCOUNTS			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1997			\$ 27,596.04	COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$ 12,000.00	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.			\$ 185,784.95	COLLECTED	\$ 12,000.00		
ABATED	\$ 171.06			OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ -		
COLLECTED	\$ 189,599.68				\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$ 23,610.25						
	\$ 213,380.99	\$ 213,380.99					

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR

7/1/1997-6/30/1998

TOTAL COLLECTIONS

7/1/1997-6/30/1998

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES \$10,850,427.90

MISCELLANEOUS ACCTS \$ 159,761.25

INTEREST & FEES \$ 106,815.41

\$11,117,004.56

COLLECTOR TURNOVERS \$10,957,243.31

MISCELLANEOUS ACCTS \$ 159,761.25

\$11,117,004.56

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

William R. Barnett

WILLIAM R. BARNETT

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

MARRIAGES

STATISTICS

1997

VITAL STATISTICS RECEIVED AFTER FILING OF LAST YEAR'S REPORT

BIRTHS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Springfield	11	3
Northampton	2	3
Seoul, Korea	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	15	6

NO ADDITIONAL MARRIAGES

DEATHS

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
4	2

Residents of Belchertown	6
Non-residents	<u>0</u>
	6

<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Springfield	6

1998

BIRTHS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Holyoke	2	6
Ware	13	6
Springfield	33	34
Northampton	21	22
Belchertown	1	0
Framingham	1	0
Boston	1	0
Greenfield	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	73	68

Males

Females

Resident	30	35
Non-resident	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>
	45	45

Married in Belchertown:	17
Married Out-of-Town:	28

DEATHS

Males:	36
Females:	<u>36</u>
	72

Residents of Belchertown:	72
Non-residents:	<u>0</u>
	72

<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Belchertown	19
Northampton	8
Hampden	1
Ware	6
Holyoke	4
Hadley	4
Palmer	4
Springfield	13
Boston	2
Wilbraham	4
Amherst	3
Worcester	1
East Longmeadow	1
South Hadley	<u>2</u>
	72

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	ITEMS
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	\$8,880.65	706
Sporting Administrative Fees	267.00	*
*Included in above		
Dog Licenses (Gross)	10,145.00	1542
B-M-D Certified Copies	2,716.00	551
B-M-D Abstracts	72.00	18
Marriage Intentions	460.00	46
UCC & Terminations	1,923.00	232
Pole Orders	540.00	15
Sale of Zoning Bylaws & Subdivision Regulations	860.00	34
Planning Board Fees	3,842.00	55
Board of Appeals Fees	1,500.00	15
Sale of Conservation Trail Maps	11.00	11
Fuel & Gas Registrations	32.50	13
Business Registration	825.00	83
Raffle Permits	150.00	15
Sale of Street Lists	220.00	14
Voter ID Cards	35.00	7
Homestead Filings	100.00	10
Parking Citations/Fines	130.00	7
Historic District Filings	125.00	5
Burial Permits	285.00	19
Dog Fines/Fees	670.00	64
Miscellaneous Sales	<u>245.35</u>	<u>72</u>
	\$34,034.50	3,534

PAYMENTS TO:

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife:	\$ 8,738.25
Town of Belchertown:	<u>\$25,296.25</u>
	\$34,034.50

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During 1998, the Board of Assessors experienced personnel changes as former Assessor Sam Joyal replaced Neil McCann. The Assessors thank Neil for his service to the Town, and look forward to working with Sam, who brings many years of experience to the Board.

Because of sound fiscal management, Belchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. Important figures in establishing the FY98 budget included:

Total Taxable Value	\$558,339,700.00
Town Meeting	\$26,880,080.00
Appropriations	
Estimated Receipts	\$17,668,314.00
/Revenue sources	
Tax Levy	\$9,804,453.00
Levy Limit	\$9,812,449.00
New Growth	\$263,271.00
FY98 Tax Rate	\$17.56

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly and blind property owners. In continuing with the modernization of the office, the Board began implementing a new appraisal system that will enhance the valuation methodology within the office.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors along with the entire Assessing staff, are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Board of Assessors,

Michael Forgue, Chairman
Sam Joyal, Vice Chairman
Janise Fitzpatrick, Clerk

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Cable TV Advisory Committee held *numerous* meetings during the first half of 1998 as the sale of Amrac Cable to Avalon Partners & Associates became finalized during June. The Committee provided guidance to the Board of Selectmen during the tedious re-negotiation of a new Cable Agreement between Amrac/Avalon and the Town, which in turn was complicated by the fact that the Agreement was being re-negotiated early with Amrac in order that Avalon have an existing, long-term Agreement in place *prior* to its purchase of Amrac. Providing a further twist to the negotiations, was the fact that the Cable License itself was being transferred at the same time. This convoluted process was the first of its kind within the Commonwealth, requiring much consultation with the MA Cable Commission and attorneys on all sides. In the end, it all worked out, and the Town now has Avalon Cable as its provider for the next nine years.

The early re-negotiation of the Cable Agreement provided the Town with the opportunity to obtain more services and project commitments from Avalon, which were especially important in light of recent technological advances within the telecommunications industry. It soon became clear that the Town was no longer seeking

to deal with a company that merely provided TV channels. Changes in cable broadcast and wiring technologies now mean that many other channel options and services may be provided to homes and businesses due to the additional bandwidth as may be provided over fiber-optic cable - Digital broadcasts, compression technologies that allow for the transmission of a much greater number of channels and/or services, and Fast 2-Way Internet Access via cable-modem shall be among the first changes we shall benefit from. The future of the industry holds other promises such as interactive TV, and telephone via cable.

While noting that the MA Cable Regulations do *not* allow for the negotiation of cable rates or channel selection, Avalon has committed to the following:

- A new system design that shall incorporate fiber-optic cable and new transmission equipment that shall provide 450 MHZ of bandwidth. This new system shall accommodate a minimum of 100 TV channels, including a local Public Access Channel (Channel 5), and Fast 2-Way Internet Access via cable-modem (per the positive results of a September survey).
- A localized fiber-optic loop connecting the computers of all the Town Administrative Departments, as well as the Schools and Library, within a private system - Cable TV and Fast 2-Way Internet Access shall also be available within this system. During the negotiations, the Committee had a great deal of help from consultants Richard Pazasis (School Department), and Matt Moebius (Computer Department). The Committee wishes to extend its thanks for their time and efforts.

An annual contribution of \$10,000 in aid/equipment to Channel 5 - which is sorely in need, and the separation of Belchertown and Hadley as regards Channel 5. Once the cable system has been rebuilt, each town shall have its own Public Access Channel.

And, finally - Making a good faith attempt at bringing back some Boston TV stations - especially the Red Sox! It should be noted, however, that current FCC "must-carry" regulations (as pertain to regional broadcasters), may prohibit such additions.

Another change to the Cable Agreement that was successfully negotiated was the lowering of the "home-density" figure used to determine where cable lines must be installed. The previous Agreement required at least 35 homes (sites) per aerial mile before the cable company was required to put up service lines. That figure has been lowered to 20 homes per aerial mile, and should result in more of the remote locations being brought into the system.

Now that the Cable License has been transferred, and the new Cable Agreement is in force, the Committee is responsible for monitoring Avalon's progress with the design and build out of the new cable system, as well as Avalon's compliance with the new Cable Agreement and other regulatory issues. On December 31, 1998, Avalon is to provide the Committee and the Board of Selectmen with a detailed plan for the Town's new cable system - other such milestones are spelled out in the Agreement. In addition, the Committee also serves to hear any unresolved complaints from cable subscribers, and shall retain an active role in the development of surveys as may affect channel selection and/or new service offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Bowler, Chairman
Linda Barron
Marilou Deshais
Art Dunbar
Dan Fitzpatrick
Jim Kearney
Rita Lapointe

CIVIL DEFENSE

Throughout 1998, the Civil Defense Committee has worked diligently upgrading the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for Belchertown, which is required by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. This plan, which is extensive, covers all aspects of manmade and natural disasters which could affect Belchertown.

Also during the year, planning for a hazardous material drill has been ongoing and will culminate in the Spring of 1999 with a full town response to the mock incident. This will be the first time the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been exercised. This exercise is also the first for the Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee. We view this exercise with enthusiasm.

This year also brought a new member, appointed by the Selectmen, to the Civil Defense Committee. Michael Greco was appointed to serve as Radio Officer and has extensive background in emergency response, serving as a Team Leader for a hazardous materials response team.

As I have stated in the past, your committee members are dedicated and are committed to move Belchertown ahead. With community support, the Civil Defense Committee will continue to serve the citizens of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Elliott Jr.
Director, Civil Defense

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Library is located at 19 South Main Street. Our regular hours of operation include Monday from 12:00 PM to 5 :00 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM., Friday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please call the Library at 323-0417 for summer hours beginning July 1st and running through Labor Day.

Clapp Memorial Library Patron Registration: An individual must be at least five years old to obtain a library card. Juvenile patrons, those from five years through grade eight, must have their parent or guardian sign their registration card.

Fees: All public library services are **FREE**. Patrons are asked to cover only the costs inherent in some library activities, i.e. producing copies, computer printouts, etc.

The Primary Service roles of the Clapp Memorial Library include:

- Providing Popular Materials (for reading, listening and viewing) to adults and children.
- Providing materials and information to satisfy the needs and interests of independent learners.
- Providing materials and information to students engaged in formal education programs offered by public/private schools, colleges and other formal programs of study.
- Providing information about community activities and resources, meeting space for community groups, and other services which make the Clapp Memorial Library an important community resource and focal point.

I. FY98 Budget:

Our FY98 municipal appropriation was \$173,667.00. This figure is approximately 18% greater than our FY97 appropriation (\$142,001.00); the patrons and staff of the Clapp Memorial Library are indebted to the Town

Administrator and members of those Town Boards who have given us their support. Our good fortune continued enabling us to supplement our budget with \$11,602.00 from state grants. The Friends Of The Library contributed over \$6,000.00 which was used to purchase children's books, reference materials and fund the Summer Reading Program.

II. FY98 Circulation:

A. Our circulation continued to grow in FY98 reaching 143,208; a figure approximately 8.25% greater than our FY 97 level (131,393).

1. The FY98 figure translates into 11.7 per-capita circulations.

B. The FY98 Circulation Figure includes 1,499 Interlibrary loans and Network Transfers.

III. FY98 Registered Patrons:

We had a net gain of 304 new patrons in FY98; we now count 6,229 of our Belchertown neighbors as active library patrons. This figure does not include so many of our youngest patrons--those under 5 years of age who are not yet old enough to become registered patrons.

IV. FY98 Collection Size:

Print Materials	Adult	Children's	Total
Volumes of books	11,376	7,767	19,143
Periodicals	206	11	217

Non-Print Materials	Adult	Children's	Total
Audio Cassettes	283	9	292
Video Cassettes/ Discs	1,261	906	2,167
Compact Discs (Music)	420	36	456
CD-ROMS	30	25	55
Misc.	10	64	74

Total Collection (as of June 30, 1998): 22,404/1.83 holdings per-capita. (State averages: 55,138/4.51)

V. Highlights FY98

1. Budget, Grants and Gifts:

- A. In November Senator Stephen M. Brewer informed us that the Library was to receive a \$272,520 Community Development Fund II grant to make the Library accessible to all our Belchertown neighbors.
- B. John McNeash, President of Country Bank, accepted our invitation to visit the Library. We wanted to thank him for the generous contribution (\$10,000) from Country Bank, and demonstrate the range of patron services that we were able to provide for our patrons because of that contribution.
- C. By maintaining the high standards for public library service set by the State we were again eligible for State Aid to Public Libraries. In FY98 this amounted to \$11,602.00
- D. Working with New England Micrographics I was able to secure a grant for \$2,700 to have the back issues of The Sentinel (1972 through 1997) microfilmed. The grant was administered by the Boston Public Library.

2. Community Outreach:

- A. The successes enjoyed by Jennifer Whitehead, our Children's Librarian, are many and varied. While some are highlighted below, please come to the Library to examine Jennifer's FY98 Children's Librarian Report for a more complete picture.
 - 1. Jennifer works closely with our Elementary and Middle Schools in a wide variety of programs that she offers.
 - 2. Jennifer has also offered her time and talents to Belchertown's Home Day Care Providers and Preschools. Those involved in the Home School phenomenon have also had the benefit of her attentions.
 - 3. With grant funds (approximately \$6,000) from the Hampshire County Collaborative, Jennifer has enhanced our Easy Book collection, and started to build a resource center specifically designed for Belchertown's parents and teachers.

- B. Delivering books to those who cannot visit the Library is but one of the many extra duties freely taken up by Nancy McConnell.
- C. Jennifer and I thoroughly enjoyed our annual visit to the Schools to read on Belchertown's Professionals Read-to-the Children Day.
- D. I was a graduate of the first Belchertown Citizens Police Academy.
- E. Relations with the Sentinel continue to be superb--seldom does a week go by without an article or notice of some Library Program appearing. Debra Dodge is always accommodating.
- F. Cooperation and communication between and amongst the Library and the Town's Historical Commissions have blossomed. I have prepared and submitted a draft document detailing cooperation between the Stone House and The Library on a number of issues.

3. Staff Education:

- A. Continuing Education remains a priority among all members of the staff of the Clapp Memorial Library. Continued education in the field of library services enables us to meet your library needs in a more professional, proficient and personable manner. Every opportunity to take advantage of continuing education programs is pursued.
 - 1. Funding for Continuing Education offered by accredited institutions has been provided by the Town, and by the Library Board of Trustees. Staff members attending evening classes do so on their own time without compensation.
 - 2. The majority of the staff's continuing education opportunities come from seminars offered by WMRLS, C/W MARS or MFOL and MLTA. Several such offerings are attended by staff members each month.

4. Library Happenings - FY98:

- A. Friends of the Library Festivities:

1. Spring Festival and the Autumn Book & Bake Sale/Scare Crow Stuffing event were held. Each year more and more people attend, more and more books are sold, and more and more money is raised for the Library Programs and Services.

2. There are so many tantalizing events held here at the Library each year, but none are as sweet as the Friends Annual Chocolate Night.

B. Events, Shows, Etc.

1. Mike Hurst offered his "Keys To Personal Financial Freedom" seminar series.
2. In conjunction with the Novel Idea, the Library hosted a slide show of a bicycle trip across our land from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

- C.** Jennifer Whitehead each year offers literally hundreds of programs that serve thousands of Belchertown's children. Please read her FY98 Annual Report during your next Library visit.

5. Building and Grounds:

- A.** Annual Building Safety Evaluation Program was initiated. New fire extinguishers and emergency/exit lighting was installed. Annual maintenance of all fire extinguishers was scheduled to be carried out by the Town.

- B.** New, aesthetically complimentary, hand rails were installed on both front and rear outside steps. Mr. Goodrow, owner of Emerald Industrial, completed the project after reducing his original cost estimate from \$1,400 to \$900. This generous offer was made because of the warmth and consideration that the Library staff had shown his daughter Rachel during her frequent visits as a young child.

- C.** After nearly 120 years the Library replaced its front doors. Carpenters Rob Hislop and Dave Nauman have crafted and installed a new set of doors that will last at least that long.

- D.** An electric power audit was conducted and cost-cutting recommendations were followed.

GOALS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE FY99:

A. Patron Services/Technology:

1. In our continuing efforts to provide the highest quality library services for our patrons the Clapp Memorial Library will become a full member of the C/W MARS library network during FY99.

B. Personnel Issues:

1. Staff development and continuing education are of paramount importance. Such programs enhance our ability to meet your library needs more effectively, thereby providing greater patron satisfaction--our primary goal. Equally important, continuing education funded by the Library and/or Town lets our staff know just how important we feel they are. It shows them that we value their efforts, and are willing to invest in them.

C. Building Maintenance and Security:

1. With great anticipation we look forward to the completion of the **Library Access Project**. Construction will begin in either March or April, and will be completed by July 1, 1999.
2. **Library Space:** Among the most important projects facing the Library now is the need to renovate the library basement. The Mass. Bd. of Library Commissioners classifies libraries according to the population of their community. The Clapp Memorial Library falls into class D--cities and towns with populations of 10,000 to 14,999. The average collection size and per-capita holdings for that group are, respectively, 55,138 and 4.51. Corresponding numbers for the Clapp Memorial Library are but 2,404/1.83.

Currently, we simply do not have sufficient space to accommodate an adequate collection for a town of our size. Consequently, the space now available to us must be used efficiently and completely. Following renovation, the basement would become an outstanding Children's area, while opening existing space to expand our general collection.

3. We intend to paint the interior of Library during FY99.

4. We will also install motion detectors inside the Library building. The Library's investments in technology and materials must be protected from theft and vandalism. These devices will augment the dead-bolt locks installed in every basement doorway, and the motion sensor lighting installed around the perimeter of the building.

D. Patron Service--Our Most Important Responsibility: This is your Library. The Library staff and Board of Trustees consider Patron Service to be our primary responsibility. If you will make us aware of the kinds of library services that you desire, we will do all that we can to bring such services to you. We appreciate your support; we look forward to serving you.

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

The Computing Department has made considerable progress in the past year in several areas. The entire Town Hall is completely networked, allowing each user's files to be backed up on a central server. We have added two new Windows NT servers to this network. The primary responsibility of one is to act as a "proxy" server and a firewall, allowing centralized Internet access and full Internet email capability. It also hosts our internal web server. This allows us to preview the web pages before we publish them to our Internet service provider. The third server has two primary responsibilities - It hosts Microsoft's SQL server that supports the new Year 2000 compliant Assessor's software.

The centralized training center is complete. What was once the stage in the Town Hall auditorium is now a training room with four "recycled" PCs. Training is conducted daily on computer subjects including Windows 95, Word, Access, Excel, and Outlook.

All PCs are protected against lightning damage and against viruses. We have caught three viruses trying to get in this year! Anti-virus updates are automatically downloaded from the Internet via one of the servers, and then propagated to each PC without any user intervention. In addition, the time is synchronized automatically to the US government's atomic clock on the Internet, then each PC is synchronized to this clock - we're on atomic time!

The primary Town Hall software, "Munis," has been upgraded to the Year 2000 4GL version. This has caused some strain on the present server. Because of this, we have recently upgraded the server to a much more powerful model. The data is backed up via a native tape backup attached to the server, and via the NT main

backup software for added protection. All tapes are stored in a fire proof safe (designed for computer media).

We have set up two "dial-up" lines allowing remotely located departments such as Fire and Police email access to our centralized email system. Interdepartmental communication is much improved as a result. At the Fire Department, we set up a multi-mailbox answering system. This should allow improved response and service for all.

We have retired older model PCs, and now have no non-year 2000 compliant PCs in production use. We formed a Year-2000 Committee to assist other departments in identifying imbedded chips in systems that we may not expect to have a year 2000 issue.

A small peer-to-peer network was set up at the Senior Center for senior citizens to practice and train with. Internet access is provided and these systems have proved very popular!

The Town's web page is completely redone and updated on a regular schedule. We encourage anyone with access to visit (at www.belchertown.org) and make comments and suggestions. There is a large photo section that is particularly interesting and the Town calendar is always up-to-date. Information on fee schedules, general information, and email addresses are available for each department.

In the coming year, we are looking forward to several major events. The initial implementation of the fiber network that is being installed by Avalon Cable, the first phase of our GIS system (graphical information system), and the production use of the new Patriot software.

We have had another very busy year, but it's been extremely rewarding as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Moebius
Director of Computing

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission held 98 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 52 of these were Requests for Determination and 38 were Notices of Intent, three were amendments to Notices and six were for permit extensions. Twenty-two enforcement issues were pursued and three Emergency Certificates were issued.

The Rivers Protection Act, passed in 1996 and revised in 1997, added a new area of jurisdiction, the "Riverfront Area", to the Wetlands Protection Act and created additional permitting considerations. New DEP wetland protection program forms were revised in October of this year and had to be up-dated and incorporated into the Town's wetland permitting process. The Commission also reviewed all septic system installation permits, forest cutting plans, ANRs, site plan review permits, subdivision applications, and Chapter 61 and 61A withdrawal requests.

The Conservation Commission has taken advantage of numerous grant opportunities this past year and in April was awarded a grant by the Department of Environmental Management, to develop a lake management plan. Aquatic Control, Inc. was the contractor hired to produce the Tri-lake Management Plan. This plan addresses the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals. The final copy of the Tri-lake Management Plan has been submitted to the Commission and the Town Administrator on December 29th and is presently under final review. The Commission also received a Conservation District Grant, to assist the Swift River School in purchasing science kits to educate students on the values of wetland eco-systems.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Commission has applied for two grants, for the enhancement of the Jabish Brook Conservation Area. The Commission is also working with former Commissioner Alice Ward, representative for the Kestrel Trust, in developing and identifying lands of conservation interest. Robert Rizzo is currently representing the Commission on the Master Planning Study Committee. The Commission is actively involved in the development of the Geographic Information System, to assist the Town with mapping and open space and resource area planning. Belchertown's Open Space and Recreation Map, updated and republished in 1996, is available for purchase at Town Hall and recreation outlets in and around Town.

The year of 1998 has been a very busy and productive one for both the Town and the Conservation Commission. The Commission has worked very closely with Town officials on numerous and extensive projects. The Town Recreational Area, located on Sargent Street and the construction projects for the new Police Station and Senior Center, are just a few examples. The Commission was also actively involved with the Sewer Extension project and the new High School project. The Commission is also reviewing the Federal Street Crossing Shopping Center and is currently awaiting the applicant's revised plans for review. The Commission has also worked very closely with the Fire Department, assisting

them in updating and revising their Fire Pond Maintenance plan.

Other departmental activities for the year included collaboration with the Board of Health in notifying property owners who may have private wells, located within one hundred feet from the areas designated to be treated for vegetation management, by the New England Power Company. The clean-up project by DEP, located on the Endelson Property, in South Belchertown, was monitored by the Commission and the Town may be able to benefit from a DEP Enforcement Order, issued to the Town of Palmer, requiring them to restore and mitigate altered Riverfront Area. This may allow for some of the proposed mitigation requirements, due to space limitations, to occur on the Belchertown side of the Swift River.

In January of this year, the Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Conservation Commission Chairman, Kathy Ruhf, after providing over eighteen years of service to the Town. Robert Rizzo, a current Commission member, was appointed to fill the position of Chairman and Paul Eurkus was appointed to fill the vacant Commissioner position.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice Chairman
Robert Stover, Clerk
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Jennie Greene, Commissioner
Hubert Greene, Commissioner
Paul Eurkus, Commissioner
David Kopacz, Associate Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

COUNCIL ON AGING

Founded in 1973, the Belchertown Council on Aging has been providing a range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population in the greater Belchertown Area.

Providing a unique combination of both contracted, private pay and informal activities organized by the Council members, volunteers and staff, the Belchertown Council on Aging is truly a community-based organization.

In the spring of 1998, the Town of Belchertown entered into the final negotiations between the town and the state for the purchase of Parcel A. Plans to renovate the Nursery 1 Building on the former state school grounds were cancelled. The Nursery 1 Building was no longer an option for development due to unexpected new State

Building Codes regulations past over the last 4 years. At the spring town meeting, approval to purchase Parcel A was granted. The Building Committee reconvened and interviewed three architects. Reinhardt and Associates were awarded the Belchertown Police Station and Senior Center Project. By late fall, preliminary plans for the new Senior Center were in the final development stages. Plans met final approval by the Building Committee (See Building Committee Report) in December 1998. Both the Senior Center and Police Station Project went out for contract bid during mid January 1999. The project is expected to break ground by March of 1999. The new Senior Center will afford seniors and citizen's of the Town of Belchertown, enough space for all the current and future services that the Council on Aging provides. The new site will also have a fully equipped kitchen, which will provide both the Congregate and Meals on Wheels meals to seniors in the community. This will be a welcome change for seniors as the nutrition site and Senior Center is located in two different locations. The Council on Aging continues to provide an array of recreational, health and educational programs. With more than twenty classes, clubs, and activities occurring each week, an average of 175 seniors benefiting each day, the Council on Aging is a busy and vital organization.

Our Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site congregate, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their home. Funded through WestMass ElderCare under the Federal Older American Act, this program is designed to insure that the daily nutrition needs of seniors are met.

Congregate meals are served in our dining room Monday through Friday and are often accompanied by music or a speaker. In 1998, 153 seniors enjoyed in excess of 9,383 meals in the good company of others! Our Home Delivered Meal Program, distinguished in the state for delivering hot, fresh meals seven days a week, served 176 seniors 45,830 meals this past year. Meals are delivered 363 days a year.

The Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of grant money, participant donations, private fundraising, state home care reimbursements, and USDA cash, and commodities.

In May of 1997 the Council on Aging received a new, wheelchair accessible, nine-passenger van which was purchased earlier in the year. The new van was christened and named the "Senior Surrey". During 1998, the Senior Surrey has transported 121 passengers (unduplicated) to 3714 round trip activities. Seniors have enjoyed a variety of activities including shopping, river cruises, shows and much more. Rides are still offered for general shopping and doctor's appointments as

scheduling allows. Seniors who participate in the Social Day Care Program at the Center still receive transportation through the Council on Aging. This also includes transportation for other seniors who are transported to other senior day care programs. This transportation is paid through a state home care contract and private pay. The transportation provided under this program is vital to continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care.

The Council on Aging continued it's Social Day Program on site this past year, providing 675 units of service to 9 seniors in 1998. The program, intended to provide a supervised, organized, and supportive setting to elders in need of a structured environment, serves a critically important service to the community.

The Social Day Program is open Monday through Friday, and features an array of interactive activities, guided exercise, recreation, snacks, lunch, and much more. It's goal is to help support caregivers and other concerned family members whose loved ones are recovering from illness, injury, or who are not able to remain at home alone due to cognitive limitations.

The program is funded in part through a Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, state home care reimbursements, and program fees.

Outreach and education to elders through home visitation remained an important facet of the Social Services position here at the Council on Aging. Through these efforts many individuals are assisted with obtaining insurance, housing, nutrition, transportation, and entitlement programs information. Assessment for nutritional risk, home safety, and fuel assistance are also provided through this method.

Health promotion activities remains a vital interest to the community. Health clinics such as blood sugar and blood pressure screenings are well attended each month. Educational forums on benefit information, medication management, local resources, and a range of other topics are arranged and presented on a regular basis. This past year a Health Fair was held at the Senior Center drawing over 150 seniors and other citizens from the town and local areas.

The SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council continues in it's third year addressing issues of health and safety in the community. Over this past year the SALT Council coordinated "Your numbers up" program. This program provides seniors with illuminated signs with their house numbers. This effort has assisted police and fire personnel to find homes more quickly in the dark. Recently, the SALT Council is working closely

with their local fire department to provide free smoke detectors to both seniors and low income residents of the Town. "Operation Fire Safe", is made possible by Radio Shack and the Duracell Battery Corporations. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many Councils in Hampshire County supporting this project.

The Council on Aging remains a focal point in the community through these and many other efforts including Food Bank Brown Bag Program, Toys for Tots, and holiday celebrations.

Spirited efforts to encourage the growth in senior activities both in and outside of the center are ongoing. A Flex-tone exercise class has been a great success this past year at the Senior Center. This class is funded through an Incentive Grant through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. As well, a Music Appreciation Group and Literature Group is still going strong after being developed this past year. Efforts to coordinate more physical outside activities such as bike riding, snow shoeing and motorcycling and other sports will continue. Intergenerational activities continue to be a large focus for the Council on Aging. In December of 1998, the Hampshire Educational Collaborative joined forces with the Belchertown Council on Aging and Belchertown Schools to coordinate an intergenerational reading readiness program. The program is scheduled to begin in February of 1999 and is funded through a grant.

None of these activities in and outside of the Senior Center would be possible without the outstanding efforts of our volunteers. Each program benefits from the warm and generous contributions of many individuals of all ages. This past year the Council on Aging was gifted with more than 4,996 hours of service from 101 volunteers for a dollar value of \$31,624.50. We remain proud of the effort of so many.

Council on Aging Operating Budget FY 1997

Town Appropriation: \$169,655.00

Title IIIC Nutrition Program

Title IIIC Grant	\$ 47,270.00
State Home Care	\$ 13,264.90
Participant's Donation	\$ 45,140.82
USDA Cash	\$ 17,757.20
USDA Commodities	\$ 16,098.30

Transportation Program

State Home Care	\$ 5,370.00
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Social Day Program

Formula Grant	\$ 5,184.00
State Home Care	\$ 8,400.00
Private Payment	\$ 5,311.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 2,736.28

Total Operating Funds \$336,187.50

The Council on Aging is a town appointed Board. Members include: Joan Poole, Michelle Ouhl, Theresa Glanville, Jeannette Crowther, Charlotte Tenczar, Ethel Casey, Alice Peden, Mariam Panto, William Kimball, Daniel Fitzpatrick and James Collard.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and the Massachusetts Council on Aging.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Cummings, Executive Director
Council on Aging

BELCHERTOWN CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Council is funded and governed by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The process begins with a "Community Input Meeting" which any member of the community interested in the cultural wellbeing and education of this community may attend. Once the grant applications are received by the Council, each member is given copies of all grant applications for review. A meeting is then held for the purpose of discussing the grant applications one at a time and to finally vote. The list of choices is then submitted to Boston for approval.

Serious consideration is given to the selection of projects, which will have the most diverse cultural appeal in the community.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment to the Belchertown Cultural Council for the 1998-1999 cycle was \$6,903.

The following projects have been awarded grants from the Belchertown Cultural Council:

- Friends of Clapp Memorial Library: Sue Laneelle
- Puppetry Performance: Jonathan A. Keezing
- Teen Writing: Clair Baldwin
- Belchertown Historical Society: Doris Dickinson
- The Prevailing Winds: Carolyn Miller
- Entertaining Ages 3 about Mental Health: Nancy Rockland Miller

- Hampshire Shakespeare Company: Brian Marsh
- Middle School, Across the Americas: Roger Tincknell
- Quetzal, Sounds of So.America, High School: Shawn Bresnahan
- Artist Directory of the Internet: Jim Douglas
- Concerts for Senior Citizens: John Root
- New England Composers by Syrinx Ens: Camilo Rojas

Five PASS Grants were awarded:

- Schoolhouse Rock, Cold Spring School, Springfield Symphony: Elizabeth Bailly
- Look Beyond the Label, Springfield Symphony: Sue Ingraham
- Old Sturbridge Village, Swift River School: Eileen C. Austin
- Schoolhouse Rock, Berkshire Avenue School, Springfield Symphony: Peggy Kalish
- Belchertown Primary Schools, Field Trip to Symphony Hall: Robin Murphy

The Performing Arts Students Series (PASS) is available to all schools, they need only apply.

We urge and encourage all worthwhile projects to be submitted to the Belchertown Cultural Council. The deadline for the next cycle is to be announced. Applications may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office or from a member of the Belchertown Cultural Council.

The Council looks forward to continuing to provide the best in cultural opportunities for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Cultural Council
Gretchen Holesovsky, Co-Chairman
Judy McQuillen, Co-Chairman
Evan Robbins, Treasurer
Judi King, Secretary
Paul Marean
Sheryl Jackson

DOG CONTROL DEPARTMENT

In 1998, the Dog Control Department impounded 177 dogs: 112 were claimed by their owners; 65 were turned over to DnA Pets for placement; 1 dog expired due to illness present when the dog was impounded.

When comparing the numbers in 1998 to the same numbers in 1997, there appears to be a disturbing trend. In 1997, 78.1 % of dogs impounded were claimed by their

owners compared to 63.3% in 1998. This means that 36.7% were turned over to DnA pets in 1998, as opposed to 21.9% in 1997.

In 1999, it is the intention of this department to educate the public and license as many dogs as possible. An emphasis will be placed on making sure that the license tag is attached to the dogs collar, as required by Massachusetts state law. This enables us to quickly identify the owner and get the dog home. We are also hoping that 1999 will bring the long awaited construction of the remaining three outdoor runs at the dog pound.

DnA continues to contribute food and treats to the dogs in the Town's care. The 65 dogs turned over to DnA Pet instead of being euthanized resulted in a savings to the taxpayers of approximately \$2,730.00.

On a positive note, two individuals joined this department in 1998. Jody Berenson became the second Assistant Dog Officer, and Nancy Long took the position of Pound Keeper. Both of these individuals care a great deal for the welfare of animals and are welcomed additions to the Department.

Once again this year, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Judy Roberts for her continued hard work and commitment to the animals of Belchertown.

We look forward to another productive year serving the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Michaud, Dog Officer

EDIC

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation had a productive 1998 and expects 1999 to be the most fruitful and critical year for the redevelopment of the former State School. The EDIC is charged with redeveloping the former State School for the purposes of generating increased tax revenues, jobs and promoting the Belchertown community.

Redevelopment is treated as a three step process, 1) EDIC acquires ownership; 2) Planning; and 3) Development. The most critical step being to acquire the property.

Ownership

The EDIC has worked diligently with the Commonwealth and legislators to transfer the property. In 1998 a second appraisal was prepared and accepted by the Commonwealth, allowing the EDIC to purchase the property for nominal consideration. However, due to environmental degradation, the EDIC, to protect the Town's interest, contracted an environmental survey to determine the cost to clean up the site. This cost will be submitted in 1999 legislation, seeking the funds to assist the EDIC in site cleanup. A Purchase and Sale agreement was drafted at the end of the year and is expected to be signed during January of 1999.

Planning

The EDIC was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Department of Community Housing and Development. The grant money will be used to further the planning for a mixed-use employment center, providing jobs and revenue to the Town of Belchertown. The EDIC in partnership with the Trust for Sustainable Development (TSD), sponsored focused group sessions and public presentations, proposing re-use scenarios while receiving feed back from citizens. All were well attended and contributed greatly to what sort of project would be amenable and desirable to residents, while still being economically viable. Upon transfer of the property, a full scale public process will be conducted, inviting residents to participate in the Master Plan design while utilizing the information gained from the past year.

Development

The EDIC with their development partner, TSD, will begin development upon transfer of the property, addressing first the environmental remediation while attracting businesses to locate at the site. The EDIC has had several opportunities to locate business in the past but has always been held back from the simple fact that they don't own the property. 1999, offering the opportunity to acquire the property, will be a year that the development process can begin.

Redevelopment of State Schools has proven to be a challenging process across the Commonwealth. The EDIC is proud to have; accomplished securing a purchase and sale agreement; partnered with an internationally respected developer who is financially and professionally capable of developing a large-scale mixed use project; been awarded State grant money; and welcomed and noted all public response. 1999 is critical to the redevelopment process, having to secure clean up money through legislation and then transfer property ownership. The EDIC needs the Town of Belchertown's support both politically and financially to ensure a successful redevelopment. This project is the only project the Town supports that offers a positive economic return, and that return is closer than it has ever been.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Lanphear, Chairman
David Devine
Jay Rossi
Steven McCafferty
Arthur Fiorelli
Kirk Stephens
Jonathan Spiegel, Associate Member
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member
Judith Hubach, Associate Member
Representative Patrick Landers, Ex-Officio
Francesca Maltese, Ex-Officio



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

The Emergency Medical Services Department is a scheduled on-call ambulance service with eight very active State certified EMTs who volunteer and provide emergency basic life support (BLS) transport from Belchertown to seven area hospitals, with an average transport time of 20 minutes. Holyoke Hospital EMS, Amherst Fire/Ambulance and UMass LifeFlight provide advanced life support (ALS) when needed and available.

Non-Police Officer/EMTs receive \$1.00 per hour on-call (beeper) pay in addition to a stipend of \$30.00 per call, and Police Officer/EMTs being paid per their Police Contract with the Town. The Department has provided additional training with the new lifepac 500 semi-auto cardiac defibrillator and epinephrine auto ejector pens.

The EMS Operations Manager is responsible for scheduling, payroll, equipment, ordering of medical supplies, daily inventory of stock and routine maintenance of both ambulances in compliance with the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and the State's Rules and Regulations. The Operations Manager currently holds a 19.5 hour per week position in addition to being scheduled for on-call shifts.

The EMS Department has transported approximately 600 medical and trauma patients to area emergency rooms during the past year.

Two vehicles provide service to the Town of Belchertown and mutual aid to other area towns as needed: Ambulance A1 is a 1996 Ford Modular; Ambulance A2, our backup ambulance, is a 1985 Ford Modular.

Belchertown EMS is a self-supporting service that operations on a set budget from the Town and all fees charged for services offset the cost of all routine operating expenses.

The Belchertown EMS Department is grateful to Judy Roberts for the donation of a Lifepac 500 semi-auto cardiac defibrillator she made in memory of EMT/Police Dispatcher Scott Brougham. Thank you also goes to Western Mass. EMS, Amherst Fire/Ambulance and Holyoke Hospital EMS for their continued support in all areas of EMS.

I would like to personally thank all of our volunteer EMTs for their hard work and dedication they continue to show.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Syriac
EMS Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The north end of the Town's Common has been highlighted by the completion of the New Belchertown Fire Department Headquarters. The Fire Department took possession and occupied the building in October. Just one-year after ground breaking! It is great to have a beautiful, modern facility to provide services out of.

The Fire Department has encountered a very busy year with the major project of the new Fire Department Headquarters, and the moving and preservation of the old firehouse. This could not be accomplished without the dedicated work from personnel, friends, our families and the support of our great community.

The Department had a very prosperous year, but was stricken with sadness as well. Long time member and Town resident Louis E. Fuller passed away in November. Louis might be remembered as the Fire Chief of the Department for 18 years or the 50 years of active firefighting service to the town. He was the longest living active member of the Belchertown Firefighters Association, 65 years, but mostly he will be remembered to everyone as a good friend. Louis accomplishments and service to Belchertown will be a Milestone for this department that will be very unlikely to be surpassed again.

Fire Prevention activities and inspections have doubled this calendar year. This is a result of the many new homes being built, and the Fire Departments efforts of being proactive, stopping fire before it starts.

During the year the number of emergency incidents responded to was three less than last years 243. The last few years the number of incidents has slightly increased. I believe this is due to our members establishing and providing a customer service attitude to the community. Overall the average on incidents responded to since 1989 is 221 yearly.

1998 brought us a 51% increase in brush/wildland fires, but a decrease in structure (7%), and vehicle (22%), fires since 1997. These numbers always change from year to year, but will help us focus our efforts on fire education objectives. The training coordinators held 52 three-hour training sessions during the year consisting of live fire burns, vehicle fire and extrications, water pumping evolutions and ice and water rescue techniques. Amtrak passenger trains did a classroom and practical field exercise with the department on important safety issues that emergency personnel should be aware of. The highlight was the joint department "Mock" car accident done at the high school. The students, teaching staff, fire, ambulance, and police all worked together to present the importance of responsible driving to our young drivers.

Fire Education Awareness is continuously expanding. Again several members took personal time from their regular jobs to attend special education training seminars provided by the Massachusetts Fire Academy on Fire Awareness Education. The department again was awarded with a 5,000-dollar grant from the Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program. This is extremely beneficial to purchase proper educational material for the different age groups. Fire Education was presented to 1500 children from pre-school through 5th grade. Several daycare centers were visited as well.

This year the firefighters had the benefit of teaching fire education at the fair with the new addition of a S.A.F.E. House mobile trailer. The mobile unit was purchased by the State and given to Hampshire County. The home has a kitchen, living room with a fireplace, and a second story bedroom. The purpose is to move groups through the Home talking about fire safety within each of the rooms. The Home can simulate harmless smoke in one or all the rooms. Then people exit out the second story bedroom window with an attached ladder. This is a great fire education tool for all ages.

It is very rewarding to recognize the commitment of this department to the needs of the community. To attend a training session each week, respond to emergency incidents as needed, move contents into a new facility and raising funds to move and restore the old station cannot go unmentioned.



Deputy Chiefs

Hugh K. Hubbard
James D. Hodgen

Captains

Bruce Officer
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis

Lieutenants

Richard Knight
John Workman
Charles Beaver
Edward D. Fuller

Auxiliary Firefighters

Mark Lavalley
Matthew Rivest
Steven Syriac
John Racine
Thomas Cooke
Matthew Gemme

Firefighters

David Gay
Max W. Bock
William Shattuck, Jr.
Paul Tierney
William Chapman
Michael Samson
Edward L. Fuller
Gerard Gould
Herbert Wood
Steven Williams
Paul Salvatore
Scott Cameron
Robert Hodgen
Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Leonard Boisjolie
Raymond Robinson
Ronald Beaver
Darryn Beaudry
Jeffrey Scott
David Auchter
Scott Rae
Donald Thayer

Types of Responses 1998

Structure Fires	21
Vehicle Fires	5
Vehicle Extrications	3
Forest, Brush, Grass	41
In Service Response	18
Investigations	39
Alarm Sounding	62
Mutual Aid	7
Unpermitted Burning	12
C.O. Detectors	22
Total Responses	240

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	2598
Oil Burners	280
Propane Tanks	73
Smoke Detectors	265
Underground Tank Removals	15
Permits to maintain storage	1
Black Powder	1
Blasting	4

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock
Fire Chief

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Your Councilors *[see below] found themselves on a roller coaster ride for much of the calendar year 1998; in that we had to focus on the upcoming demise of County Government as was mandated by the powers in the Legislature and the Governors Office. The Legislative Charter and Code Committee [LCCC], after many meetings, arrived at a final draft for the Enabling Legislation which was to be acted upon by the Legislature. The Enabling Act had to be approved before we could proceed with a revised County Charter. Meanwhile the clock was ticking away, while hearings on the Act were postponed more than once. The LCCC along with Administrator Penny Geis, began working on the revised Charter. You may have noticed a similarity between the Charter from the 1980's and the version published in October [the one which was voted on in November]. The similarity arises from adopting sections which were truly functional from the old Charter and using them in the new Charter. We also adapted a few ideas from the Franklin county Regional Council of Government Charter.

While the background work was going on, plans were made to provide voter information at fairs in Cummington, Belchertown, Easthampton and the Tri-County. Another endeavor was to hold Public Hearings in September, on each Wednesday evening, in logistically situated towns in the County in order to obtain voter feedback. An absolute must, were presentations by Commissioners and County Staff members, to Municipal Officers in each of the nineteen towns and one city in the County. In some instances a second presentation was made when there appeared to be a need to remind town officials of the services the County provides it's citizens, benefits received by way of cost savings from purchases through County Cooperative Purchasing, the availability of surplus equipment to town departments through the Regional Services Department.

The final entry in this episode was the establishment of an election committee composed of present and former Commissioners, completely divorced from County Government. We raised our own funds, bought our own paper, stamps, envelopes, newspaper advertisements, yard signs - whatever we felt would work, in order to bring about an awareness of how the loss of County Government would affect all persons within the County. Yes we even did standouts on the Coolidge Bridge and at other choice locations. The roller coaster ride came to an end on November 2nd when over 70 percent of the voters within the County, sent a message to Beacon Hill to local town fathers, saying they wanted to keep County Government intact no matter what it would be called.

* By Legislative fiat, the Hampshire County Commission ceased to exist at midnight January 1, 1999 when the Hampshire Council of Governments came into being. The sounding of our historic Paul Revere bell, of which there are only two in existence, symbolically announced the end of an era and the beginning of the Council of Governments. Thus, elected representatives are now called Councilors. County boundaries have not changed and the county will still be referred to as Hampshire County. Official documents will still use Hampshire County when referring to a particular person or location within the bounds of the County; as in wills and property transfers.

The County provides administrative support, space or technical assistance to several multi-town organizations: Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (recycling); Hazardous Materials Contingency Fund; Regional E911 System; Local Emergency Planning Committee [LEPC] (accidents with hazardous material); Group Insurance Trust (for municipal employees and school districts); County Dog Damage Funds. In addition the County helps to fund regional EMT Training and Equipment; the Emergency Radio System, the County Fire Defense Association and Hampshire Education Collaborative. An

Historic Records Preservation Advisory Board has been established in an effort to preserve County records dating back to the 1700's. Hampshire County sponsored a Blunt Force Training Program at the New Braintree State Police Academy last Spring.

Coming under the purview of the Human Services Municipal Advisory Committee [HSMAC], is Hampshire Care, formerly known as the long Term Care Facility. It is a County operated skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in the Leeds section of Northampton. Their mission is to provide an environment for adult citizens of the County, who are unable to live independently, to receive comprehensive medical, nursing and restorative care. The goal is to enable patients to attain a high quality of life through a broad array of interventions. Since the November election, Hampshire Care has experienced an increase in the census of beds occupied. My observation is that, through whatever means of publicity from one or more forms of public awareness, has made an impact on Hampshire Care.

The long sought Regional Lock-Up, under the guidance and efforts of the Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee [PSMAC] and the Regional Services Department, is edging closer to reality. Preliminary drawings indicate a facility which complies with current State Board of Health policies and will be handicap accessible. The building will hold four 'pods' of six cells each with one of the 'pods' set aside for female and juvenile detainees. Even though this detainee holding facility is to be placed on the grounds of the County Jail/House of Correction, it will be located outside the perimeter fence which surrounds the jail. The intake area is also separate from the present jail facilities.

In the Fall, Regional Service had initiated a table-top exercise in order to see how the combined efforts of a Hazmat team and local Public Safety providers could best be utilized should an actual Hazardous Materials accident occur. This was an enlightening session and the few 'holes' found in the exercise were duly noted so that these shortcomings can be corrected. A full-blown exercise is to be conducted in the Spring in Belchertown, using the County Hazmat team, our local Public Safety people along with members from departments outside Belchertown.

During the last quarter of 1998, the combined efforts of Regional Services and PSMAC, again came into play, when a evening session in firearms training for police officers was held at the high-tech training center and range of Smith and Wesson in Springfield. Feedback from officers was positive and another session is being planned for Spring 1999 which will focus on range practice using low level light.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The County Cooperative Purchasing Department administers cooperative bids for goods and services on behalf of 10 county departments, 19 municipalities, 35 school districts and 47 human service agencies within the county. Cooperative purchasing results in increased buying power for the regional members and, on average, purchases are over \$7.5 million, with a savings (ultimate reduction of tax dollars) of \$2.4 million realized by the member communities. Municipalities from Berkshire, Franklin and Worcester counties have also made use of our cooperative purchasing in the past, but had to pay an access fee for the privilege. Items such as: road salt, culvert pipe, guard rails, bituminous pavement material, school milk, bread, textbooks, overhead projectors, classroom furniture, library furniture, library stacks are but a few of the numerous products which can be purchased through Cooperative Purchasing.

The Regional Services Department, develops regional approaches to problems shared by county municipalities. A building inspection program, providing professional inspection services to those county towns who find the cost of a full-time inspector to be prohibitive. There are also other times when the services of the county building inspector are needed even though the municipalities employs a full-time inspector. A conflict of interest may arise if the inspector is related to, or has done business with, one of the parties. At this point, it is time to seek assistance from an unbiased inspector. The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, mentioned earlier, is a regional approach to a problem common to all municipalities.

Another regional service is the Surplus Equipment Program. Hampshire County is unique in this endeavor, since it is the only County within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to actively seek out used equipment as requested by the member municipalities. Trucks, tractors, sweepers, computers, printers, office desks, chairs, hand tools, power tools are some of the items requested. Recently an air compressor, designed to refill Scott Air Pack used by fire fighters, was acquired for one of the fire departments within the county.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. LaPorte, Councilor
Hampshire Council of Governments

During the 1998 calendar year, the Board of Health continued to work towards improving the quality of services provided to the citizens of the town of Belchertown, while maintaining a high standard for the protection of public health. The Board accomplished this through meetings held once or twice monthly. The activities of the Board were carried out through the supportive efforts of the personnel of the Quabbin Health District. This year the expansion of office hours in the Belchertown Board of Health office served to increase access of the Board to the community.

As always, review and approval of septic plans remained one of the major tasks facing the Board. 156 Disposal Works Construction Permits were approved. The Board continued its efforts in the implementation of a town based septic repair loan program. The first waive of applicants were reviewed and several of this years septic permits were issued to eligible property owners who opted to utilize the newly established betterment loan program as the means to finance the burden of septic system replacement.

The area of Tobacco control has again been one of intense activity for the Board of Health members. With the assistance of Jill Rubin, Quabbin Health District's Tobacco Control Coordinator, the Board continued its efforts at providing health and safe work environments, free from the harmful effects of second hand smoke. February 1, 1998 brought the final phase of efforts to make Belchertown's work sites including restaurants and bars, 100 % smoke free. The Board continued its efforts with a presentation at town meeting seeking the ability to impose non-criminal disposition for violation. The Board has worked closely throughout the year with other Boards of Health in efforts toward taking a regional approach to tobacco regulations, aiming for consistency in regulations across town lines. The Board has also worked closely with the high school administration to curb smoking activity at the school site. Youth access tobacco to tobacco products has been minimized through stricter regulations and the use of a retailer's license.

A number of smoking cessation programs and hypnosis sessions were conducted this year to assist town residents desiring to quit.

Board members and staff have participated in continuing education workshops and seminars focusing on such issues as Title V regulation changes, sanitation, environmental issues and tobacco control, in an effort to keep abreast of ever changing issues effecting the public health domain. The Board of Health office continues to serve as the central location in the town hall for the distribution of other technical and educational assistance

relative to public health issues. With this year's expanded office hours, increased access for town residents was accommodated.

The Board of Health continued its activities in the realm of assuring safe food handling practices. Local restaurants were recognized for their efforts in meeting of exceeding standards for sanitation.

Through its membership in the Quabbin Health District, the Board of Health continued its efforts to work with area towns in a collaborative effort with shared resources and personnel in provision of optimal public health activities.

1998 Belchertown Board of Health Permit Activity

• Disposal Works Construction Permits	156
• Well Construction Permits	89
• Food Service Establishments	33
• Retail Food Permits	13
• Milk and Cream License	35
• Bottling Permit	1
• Frozen Dessert License	1
• Catering License	1
• Mobile or Temporary Food Permits	39
• Septic Installers Permits	37
• Septage Haulers Permits	3
• Mobilehome Park License	1
• Massage Therapy License	4
• Tanning License	1
• Tobacco Retailer's Permit	12

Respectfully Submitted,

Belchertown Board of Health
Leonard Belisle, Chairman
Roger Bonsall, Vice-Chairman
Denise Finn-Rizzo
Robert Bishop
Gail Gramarossa

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total

population of approximately 22,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 1998.

	<u>Belchertown</u>	<u>Ware</u>	<u>Pelham</u>
Perc Tests/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	200	81	21
Septic Application Review (new construction)	101	25	8
Septic Application Review (repairs)	55	12	2
Septic Final Inspections	156	36	17
Septic Final Re-inspections	16	15	1
Well Application Review	98	0	3
Housing Inspections and Re-inspections (upon complaint)	25	50	4
Rental Voucher Inspections and Re-inspections (upon request)	3	25	0
Condemnations (dwelling units)	0	0	0
Lead Paint Inspections	1	2	0
Housing Hearings	0	2	1
Food Service Inspections and Re-inspections	105	69	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	29	7	0
Nuisance Inspections and Re-inspections	14	40	0
Misc. Inspections: Public Pools, Camps, Tanning Salons	4	1	0
Board Meetings	12	10	15

Total of Inspection Activities Performed in 1998: 1266

In addition, 3 meetings of the Quabbin Health District Board of Directors were held in 1998. The Board of Directors is composed of the elected Board of Health members from the communities within the District. The meeting place rotates among the three Town Halls.

District employees serve on a number of committees and advisory groups: Town of Belchertown Americans with Disabilities Committee, Town of Belchertown GIS Committee, Hampshire County Insurance Advisory Committee, and the Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition. An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training

sessions sponsored by various state agencies and professional groups. Topics addressed during 1998 included the revised Title V, Septic System Betterment and Loan Program, Food Protection, Tobacco Control, Hepatitis B and Pertussis, Indoor Air Quality, and Communications.

The District added to their staff in 1998. Randall Gauley was hired as health inspector. That position was also increased to full-time. Mary Grenier was also hired in 1998 as a senior clerk. Belchertown office hours were expanded.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I appreciate the assistance of Helen Kutt, District Clerk, and the dedication of all the staff.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S.,C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM

The Quabbin Health District Tobacco Control Program in Belchertown is part of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Program funded through the cigarette tax passed by voter referendum in 1992.

The goals of this program are:

- Cessation
- Community Education
- Policy and Enforcement

Smoking related illness costs the state of Massachusetts 1.7 billion dollars per year. Our children are smoking at increasingly younger ages. Tobacco advertising and tobacco paraphernalia are rampant. Currently Massachusetts resides at the forefront in its efforts to combat the ill affects tobacco has on our communities. However, we have much work to do at the local level.

Your local tobacco control program contributes to this effort in the following ways:

Providing cessation services to the residents of Belchertown. In 1998 over 100 people received the benefit of our programs which included hypnosis, Neuro-Linguistic Programming, six week group classes, and individual quit smoking counseling. Referrals were made when local programming was not readily available.

We continue to participate in community education efforts, some of which include partnering with local school systems, attending health advisory board meetings, health fairs, by bringing speakers with anti tobacco messaging into the schools, and by distributing informational pamphlets and promotional items.

In the area of policy and enforcement, Belchertown adopted non criminal disposition at Town Meeting in May of 1998 for use in addressing issues of non compliance as it relates to the Belchertown Board of Health Regulations Affecting Smoking in Certain Places and Youth Access to Tobacco.

In an effort to protect our youth and educate our merchants, the tobacco control program continues to conduct local youth access compliance checks.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill T. Rubin
Tobacco Control Coordinator

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Commission met with six property owners within the Historic District during the past year about proposed changes to their properties. Appropriate certificates were awarded when necessary, following public hearings.

The Commission appreciates meeting with property owners to discuss proposed changes before applying for the application. The Belchertown Historic District is an area, with specific boundaries, that has been recognized for its historic and architecturally significant quality. Any proposed change or alteration to the exterior of an individual property in the District must be reviewed by the Commission and may be subject to a formal review process before a building permit can be obtained.

Copies of the District By-Laws, maps and applications forms are available in the Office of the Town Clerk. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission and ask about your particular concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Dickinson, Chairman
Jacqueline Dupre
Richard Davitt
John B. Curry

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority has four state-aided projects in administration. Everett Acres, a forty-eight unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Housing Program, East Walnut Hill, 45 State Street-Unit 1, 95 George Hannum Road-Unit 7 built and administered under the State's Chapter 689 Housing for People with Special Needs Program, and 45 State Street and 95 George Hannum Road a twelve unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 705 Family Housing Program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age and/or handicap, family size, and income. The current maximum net annual income for eligibility is \$25,500 for one person, \$29,100 for two, \$32,750 for three, \$36,400 for four and up to \$48,050 for a family of eight.

The eligibility regulation for state-aided housing has been changed and the former asset limit no longer applies. It was replaced by the Federal Asset Definition. This regulation states that as long as the total income form assets, both real and imputed, and all other income does not exceed the maximum income for eligibility, a person or family is eligible. This change should make many elders eligible for state-aided housing who in the past were ineligible.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay thirty percent of their net monthly income for rent, which includes all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is \$264 per month. Everett Acres is fully occupied and has twenty applicants on a waiting list. We have experienced difficulty in renting second floor units for the past several years. The lack of interested applicants for elderly/handicapped housing and difficulty in renting second floor units has become a problem across the Commonwealth.

East Walnut Hill is fully occupied. Three of the units are leased to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The fourth unit is leased by the Authority to an income eligible physically handicapped person.

Unit 1 at 45 State Street and unit 7 at 95 George Hannum Road are also under lease to the Department of Mental Retardation and provide housing for eight former residents of the Belchertown State School. The rent received covers all operating expenses. The Authority receives no State subsidy for these units. The fiscal '99 operating budget for the 689 special needs units is \$42,750.

The twelve family units are fully occupied. Tenants in these units pay twenty-five percent of their income for rent. They are responsible for their utility bills. While rents are based on each family's income and vary widely, the average rent is \$320 per month. There are currently 76 applicants on the family waiting list, which was updated in October of 1998. The two bedroom family waiting list is closed. The 3 and 4 bedroom family lists remain open though we have more applicants than we can reasonably expect to house in the next four years.

The fiscal '99 operating budget for the elderly/handicapped and family housing has anticipated expenses of \$191,386 with a projected income of \$191,500. There is no anticipated deficit in routine operating expenditures, however, as Everett Acres approaches 30 years of age, we anticipate expenditures for major repairs and capital improvements.

The Authority also has the administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's section 8 Housing Allowance Certificate Program. Under this program, the Authority assists very low-income elderly, disabled/handicapped persons or families in paying their rent. Those eligible are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned units that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities and the Authority pays the balance directly to the landlord.

The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for fiscal '99 is \$153,183 with full funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Douglas G. Rae, Chairman
Louise M. Butler
Thomas T. Soja
Kenneth D. Nolan
Sally M. Dodge

INSPECTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Inspection Services Department completed yet another productive year. Total Building Permits for 1998 was 1,488, surpassing 1997 at 1,249. Because of the unseasonably warm temperatures during November and December, new Construction Permits increased to a year end total of 104, 24 more than 1998.

Paul Adzima continues to serve the community as its' Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Sealer of Weights and Measures. Other Inspection Services personnel include: Michael Henry, Assistant Building Inspector; Robin Oey, Department Assistant; Doug Rae, Primary Electrical Inspector; Owen Clifford, Primary Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings; Paul Choiniere, Assistant Electrical Inspector; David Fredenburgh Jr. and Christopher Hubbard are both Assistant Plumbing and Gas Fitting Inspectors.

1998 saw the completion of the new Fire Station and continued progress of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Adzima, who also serves as the ADA Liaison, reports that the ADA Committee purchased three Infrared Listening Devices which were installed at the High School for use at the Special Town Meeting in December. ADA member Robert Byard retired from the Committee simultaneously with his retirement from the School Committee. His seat has yet to be filled. The ADA Committee met every other month on the first Tuesday of the month.

Building Permits	1998
Single Dwelling	104
Two Dwelling	1
Business/Commercial	4
Add/Alter/Repairs	169
Shed/Barn/Gar/Deck	118
Wood/Stove/Chimney	35
Demolitions	9
Pools	34
Renewals/Signs	7
Other	38
Total Building Permits	519
Total Building Permit Revenue	\$72,197.00
Certificates of Inspection	11
Revenue	\$675.00
Weights & Measures	8
Revenue	\$322.00
Home Occupational Zoning Permits	45
Revenue	\$660.00
Total Miscellaneous Permits	64
Total Miscellaneous Permit Revenue	\$1,657.00
Electrical Permits	491

Revenue	\$22,029.00
Plumbing Permits Revenue	236 \$12,505.00
Gas Permits Revenue	178 \$7,890.00
Total Utility Permits	905
Total Utility Permit Revenue	\$42,424.00
Total 1998 Permits	1488
Total 1998 Revenue	\$116,278.00

MOBILE HOME PARK RENT CONTROL BOARD

The Belchertown Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board began 1998 in a state of flux. By the middle of the year the Board was down to two members with a request from the Pine Valley Plantation Mobile Home Park for a rate increase.

With insufficient members to form a quorum the Board was unable to act on this request.

With aggressive recruiting by the Selectmen three additional members were approved and sworn in.

A meeting was held and Ronald Akins was elected Chairman and Tracy Steadman was elected Secretary.

At a later meeting the Pine Valley Plantation Mobile Home Park rent increase request was unanimously approved.

This was the only action taken by the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board this calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Akins, Chairman
Tracy Steadman
Mitchell Vincent
Herbert E. Squires
Daniel Beaudette



*Teen Center representatives receive donation
from the Board of Selectmen*

PARKS, BEACH & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

What did we do in 1998? We increased our outdoor programming for young and old alike by offering more "Take A Hike....Little Tykes" for children age 4 to 7, adding such adventures as Caving, Hiking the Holyoke Range, Rock Climbing and Canoeing the Swift River. A little romance was added to our programming with a "Moonlight Canoe for Adults Only" during a partial moon eclipse. Physical work on the land for recreation use has been ongoing throughout 1998

"The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" was performed by participants in the Summer Theatre Program. Our summer Art Classes for children ages 3 to 13 added new projects and increased enrollment. Participating in our R.A.D. Program (Rape Aggression Defense Course) continued to be offered throughout 1998. Officer Fox became certified to conduct R.A.D. for children this summer and the first classes will be offered in January of 99.

"Summer D.A.Y.S." enlisted the help of James McNaughton to offer more adventurous all day field trips such as canoeing the Swift River, Hiking the Holyoke Range, and Map & Compass, for those age 9 to 12 years. Many eager faces greeted directors in the following week long sports programs: Baseball, Golf, and Tennis. Fall Baseball was offered for 13 to 15 year olds. We welcomed The British Soccer Organization a week of fun and learning for those age 4 to 16.

The Recreation Department's ongoing programs continue to improve and increase the number of participants in Baton Twirling; Recreation, Dare Summer and Winter Basketball, Open Basketball League and Over 35 League; T-Ball, Pitching Machine, Softball and Baseball, Instructional Soccer and Fall Soccer. Instructional Basketball was restructured and coaches clinics were held.

The Town Beach on Arcadia Lake saw many changes with two new buildings added, an outside shower installed and handicapped bathroom built. The long hot summer helped to make it another successful Season at the Town Beach. Look for more changes to come in 1999.

We welcomed our Stingray Swim Team and Varsity Swim Team back to pool. American Red Cross Learn to Swim, Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor Certification classes were held. Our year long Aquanastics program continues to grow and improve.

The Teen Center had a very busy year. We acquired a space, Nursery 1, at the former Belchertown State School. Over 150 volunteers spent several weekends cleaning, painting and landscaping. The gardens, which are dedicated to Tyler Bernashe, were completed with the help of the Belchertown Garden Club, Pathfinder Regional Summer Youth Employment Program, and teens and parents of Belchertown. The first annual Friends of the Teen Center auction was held in June in support of the center and over 250 donated services, supplies and autographed memorabilia were auctioned off. We were represented at the annual Town Fair with a food and informational booth. During the past year our community came together in support and spirit for the teen center. To quote Senator Stephen Brewer we "are a textbook definition of what community is all about".

1998 was a year of high hopes and deep sorrow. During Ron Constantino's illness many of you stepped up to help this department continue to function, you donated many hours assisting us in running our programs, helping us in the office and giving us a shoulder to cry on. The loss of Ron in July was devastating not only to the recreation department but to a community that loved and respected him. And again this Community was there to help us through this. We at the Recreation Department do not know how to express our thanks to this community, our volunteers, instructors, coaches and sponsoring businesses for all your support, understanding and patience. Thank you.

In December of 1998, Robert Opalenik came on board as the new Recreation Director. Our goal for the future is to improve and expand our number of fields, establish new programming for our youngest and oldest members of the community and continue to improve ongoing programming. We look forward to the future with many new and exciting ideas for 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Opalenik, Recreation Director
Debra M Dorval, Administrative Assistant

Recreation Committee Members
Dr. William Lafleur, Chairman
Garry Bock
Bruce Smith
Robert Chartier
Nancy Kwiatkowski
Karen Schiffer
Dave Whipple
William Eldridge

**PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
*25TH ANNIVERSARY***

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. All incumbent members of the committee continued their service in 1998. However, the Pathfinder community was saddened by the passing of long-time member Ford Ray, of Ware, in February. A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Ware School Committee selected Barbara Ray to complete his term through November, at which time she was elected to a four-year term.

With the addition of the town of Hardwick, Harry Comerford was appointed to the committee through November when he, too, was elected to a full term. Two members of the committee—Michael Cavanaugh and Michael Roncolato—were re-elected, and at the subsequent reorganization meeting were re-elected as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Barbara Beaulieu was selected to continue as secretary. Robert Thayer served as the student member through June and was succeeded by Amber Paul.

Pathfinder's School Council—consisting of three parents, two teachers, two students, a community member, and a college representative and chaired by David LaPierre—identified the following areas of focus for the year:

- ♦ Review of MCAS results and related data in order to evaluate the effectiveness of current curriculum offerings and their alignment with state frameworks.
- ♦ Continued study of alternative scheduling patterns in order to provide the students with the most effective learning environment.
- ♦ Review of the current grading system, including shop hour completion, attendance, special education criteria, and graduation standards.
- ♦ Development of a school security plan.

- ♦ Implementation of 25th anniversary activities.

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre identified a number of curriculum initiatives undertaken during the year.

- ♦ The recently implemented Health Occupations Program received full approval from the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Department of Health.
- ♦ New Smart Cam I & II manufacturing software and supporting curriculum was added to the Manufacturing Technology and Drafting Programs.
- ♦ The Curriculum Committee oversaw the development of a World History course in order to better align our curriculum with the state frameworks.
- ♦ The Auto Body and Collision Technology Program prepared for its initial NATEF evaluation scheduled to take place by the end of the 1998-99 school year, and the Automotive Technology Program similarly prepared for its five-year review.

Pathfinder was honored by its Number One ranking in technology among schools in western Massachusetts by the Department of Education, and the school committee is committed to maintaining a leadership role in this important area. Much credit is due town officials in our member communities for their support of a two-year phase- in of our technology plan. The expansion of internet access continues to be a priority in that plan. Currently all six computer labs, the library, academic classrooms in the original building, and the following shops are internet ready: culinary arts, machine, drafting, automotive, and electrical.

Upgraded administrative software has been installed, and this feature will provide classroom teachers with the capability to enter attendance, class grades, and progress reports, and to utilize intra-school e-mail.

Outside and off-campus projects continued to comprise a major portion of the curriculum for upper class students in a number of technical areas. Engaging in another joint venture with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, the construction cluster of shops completed an expanded Cape house on Route 181 in Belchertown. The proceeds from the sale of this house comprised a fund raiser for the Chamber and provided Pathfinder students with practical experience and invaluable community exposure. In the fall, work began on another house for a local family in Palmer. The unique floor plan and Lambeam construction will provide the students with high quality learning experiences. The project will include students in carpentry, heating/ventilation/air conditioning, and electrical.

A random sample of other community- based experiences includes the following:

- ♦ Carpentry, electrical, and HVAC students continued the remodeling effort at the Palmer Fire Department.
- ♦ Carpentry and electrical students completed a garage and addition in Monson.
- ♦ Carpentry students built two large decks, two handicapped ramps, and a playhouse for a day school center.
- ♦ HVAC students installed or upgraded three hot water systems and three hot air systems in local residences.
- ♦ Horticulture students maintained the grounds at the Palmer District Court.
- ♦ Automotive Reconditioning students serviced Palmer police cruisers.
- ♦ Electrical students completed service upgrades, an underground service installation, and various electrical repairs for local residents as well as repairs and upgrades for local cemetery commissions and parks departments.

The Cooperative Education Program experienced its strongest growth since its beginning, increasing more than 160% over the previous year. Fifty-eight students representing 12 technical areas participated in this program of alternating periods of paid employment and classroom instruction. The greatest number of students were employed in horticulture, manufacturing technology, and heating/ventilation/air conditioning.

Several new employers joined the program, and many of them retained their students as permanent employees. The program also accommodated several requests for part-time positions in retail sales, automotive repair, food service, and landscaping firms.

Toward the end of 1998, Pathfinder—along with all schools in the Commonwealth—received the scores from the MCAS tests administered to 10th grade students in May. The results were disappointing, yet they mirrored the general trend in all technical high schools. The only conclusion that could be drawn, however, was that the preparation given Pathfinder students in their sending schools, together with their brief time at Pathfinder, fell far short of the standard prescribed by the state Board of Education. Much work needs to be done, and the staff has already begun taking measures to address strategies for improvement in future years. The school was among the first to be awarded a grant of \$19,000 to begin such efforts.

Student Body

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 660 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 94; Granby 37; Monson 101; New

Braintree 14; Palmer 122; and Ware 99. The newest member town—Hardwick—accounted for an additional 21. The remaining 173 represented out-of-district communities.

By the opening of school in September, 375 applications for admission had been received. Pathfinder once again offered a number of opportunities for area youth to learn about and see the school. Staff held an Open House, a Meet-the-Staff Night, and hosted the annual Chamber of Commerce Business Exposition. The Summer Career/Sports Camp and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for 7th and 8th grade students continued to attract record numbers of participants.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 1998-99 school year, 325 were for the 175 available 9th grade openings. Transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, indicating that the opportunity to experience a technical education at Pathfinder is most secure when initiated at the 9th grade level. For the fourth consecutive year, a waiting list was necessary in grades 9, 10, and 11 due in part to the large number of applications and to the size of the previous classes.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society inducted several new members at an impressive ceremony in May. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting Renaissance Students who were award winners, and who demonstrated potential for eventual induction into the Society, as guests. The speaker for this year's ceremony was 1984 graduate James Vaill, who completed the ornamental horticulture program, then continued on for his Bachelor's degree in accounting and a career with Coopers and Lybrand.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the Annual Vocational Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Sarah Genereux, of Belchertown, a student in the Computer Assisted Drafting Program. Sarah earned a 3.6 g.p.a., was a member of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society for two years, and competed in varsity soccer and softball.

At the Academic Awards Program held in May, Elizabeth Gendron, of Monson, received the award for the highest academic achievement for a senior. In keeping with what has become a tradition, Rusty Yonika, of South Hadley, was presented with a restored automobile as the top-ranked Renaissance student. Peter Gaj, of Granby, received the Renaissance award for his commitment, school spirit, and dedicated service to the school.

In June 1998, the graduating class of 110 seniors received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 75% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive impact on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Interest in four-year colleges also continues to rise among our students.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$20,000 in scholarships to members of the Class of 1998. Local and state organizations continue to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates, and the school committee is grateful for this expression of support. The committee is especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and friends.

Student Affairs and Athletics

Pathfinder's Student Council continued their on-going efforts toward building and improving student morale as well as service within the community. Prior to the winter months, they coordinated a "coat drive" which collected coats for distribution to the needy. In addition, they sponsored the annual Thanksgiving food drive, providing 28 area families with meals for the holiday.

Recognizing the positive impact that successful athletic programs have on school morale and the school's image, the school committee is pleased to report the progress that has been made in this area.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the following noteworthy items in the 1998 athletic seasons:

- ◆ The varsity baseball team posted its best regular season in history, earning a second place finish and a berth in the Western Massachusetts Tournament.
- ◆ The golf team—in only its third season—posted its best record yet, with Jason Norton qualifying for the Western Massachusetts Tournament.
- ◆ The girls' soccer team finished in third place and also qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament.
- ◆ The football team had its first winning season in their brief history, finishing 4-3 in the Intercounty League South. Four players were elected to the All League Team.
- ◆ Jeff Roy and Peter Gaj were first-team, Division III, All Western Massachusetts selections for baseball in the Sunday Republican.
- ◆ Peter Gaj and Melissa Befford were named Outstanding Senior Athletes at the annual awards program.

- ◆ Pathfinder students' participation in athletics continued to grow, with over 150 students competing on various teams.

Special Services

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to approximately 237 eligible students in grades 9-12, including students attending the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Approximately 225 TEAM meetings were held throughout the year for the purpose of evaluation, annual reviews, diagnostic reviews, and re-evaluations.

Speech and language services were provided to 55 students of varying academic abilities. Speech and language therapy is provided on a 1:1 basis in small groups and on a monitoring basis.

The school adjustment counselor maintained a case load of more than 80 students. She works with students on a one-to-one basis and deals with such topics as depression, self-control, peer interaction, substance abuse, home, school, community, and legal problems. The goal of this service is to maintain the student within the regular classroom setting and the school.

A certified occupational therapist provided those services on an individual or small group basis to students with sensory motor deficits which interfere with the acquisition of self care or vocational tasks. This particular staff member—also certified in physical education—made modifications to the curriculum to include fitness programs incorporating new aerobic exercise equipment. The school was pleased that students from the adapted physical education program participated in athletic competition in track and field at the local and state levels.

The Special Education Department continued to operate an Afternoon Drop-out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142 funds along with other sources of support. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school, with an expectation of greater success.

The Director of Special Education reported closure on issues identified in the Coordinated Program Review carried out during 1997 by staff from the Massachusetts Department of Education. The review team commended Pathfinder on nine program areas they found to have a significant and positive impact on the delivery of services to special needs students, including the high degree of professionalism displayed by staff, class size, and the

array of services available during the school year and summer months.

The major item which required remedial action was the installation of explosion proof lighting in the auto body shop preparation deck. This measure enabled Pathfinder to be in total compliance with the Department's identified criteria.

Grants and Contracts

Utilizing the Department of Education's Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

Fund Code	Program Name	Allocation
240	IDEA Special Education	\$104,085
These funds were used to support an Alternative Drop-out program, provide in-service training, professional development and supplies for the shop and academic classrooms.		
302	Title IV	\$3,348
This program provides funds to the school library to continue membership in the Newsbank Computer Series.		
303	Eisenhower Math & Science	\$2,346
These monies support professional development for math and science teachers.		
331	Safe and Drug Free Schools	\$2979
Funds provide two mentors who work with student groups and also organize relevant activities for local elementary school students. A small amount is reserved for professional development.		
400	Carl Perkins Vocational Education	\$78,363
Perkins funds support a full-time School-to-Work Coordinator as well as professional development programs and activities. These monies also provide supplies for those shops designated as having the largest percentage of special populations.		
504	Curriculum Study Groups	\$3,000
This grant provides a limited amount of funding for study groups to review and revise curriculum in light of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.		
346/349	Health Protection Allocation	\$13,441
These monies provide outside counseling for specialized groups, primarily emphasizing the elimination of the use of tobacco.		

305 Title I \$11,835
This limited amount of funding provides support for a part-time teacher aide who assists in the reading lab. It also provides a small stipend for the reading instructor who oversees the lab.

Dept. of Youth Services \$7,328
This program is coordinated with Pathfinder's Afternoon Program. Students under DYS custody attend Pathfinder during the afternoon for vocational training.

Summer DYS Component \$8,802
Summer Youth \$40,686

These funds provided paid employment and academic enhancement for 28 students for 6 weeks during July and August.

TOTAL: \$276,031

Special Programs

The School Committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and area school systems, Pathfinder continued to play a leadership role in the implementation of the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act. Among the activities sponsored by this program were:

- ◆ Teacher/mentor training at business worksites.
- ◆ Improvement in curriculum to better meet the needs of area businesses.
- ◆ Job shadowing and internships for students in grades 9-12.
- ◆ Implementation of a college/career search program (Expan).
- ◆ Career interest and exploratory program for 225 seventh grade students.

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. More than 100 youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of two two-week sessions, each of which lasted for 5 days. Those areas offered were: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer assisted drafting, food services, and electronics. Career instruction took place in the morning followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

One hundred seventy-five youngsters took part in Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the school year. The program operated one day each week and

included six career areas: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, CAD, culinary arts, horticulture, and electronics, as well as Fun With Math and Science. The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with this program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board to offer a Summer Youth Employment and Enrichment Program. Twenty-eight youths from Hampden County were placed at various non-profit job sites for the morning, then returned to the school for academic and vocational enrichment. The program was commended for its 100% completion record, and several participants were offered employment at the program's end.

The evening school offered two sessions, once again featuring computer-related courses. More aggressive advertising is planned for the future in an effort to draw more participants to the technical offerings.

One hundred thirty six students from 12 different area schools took advantage of the 1998 Summer School Program. Twelve academic courses and the related workshop were offered. Methods of instruction featured hands-on activities whenever possible and included attempts to modify the poor work habits of students and to provide them with strategies to become more successful in the upcoming school year.

Faculty and Staff

Currently the staff includes 37 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, and 9 teacher aides. Two members of the special education department resigned for opportunities in neighboring communities. Three staff members in special education, English, and computer concepts, respectively, were granted leaves of absence. A second instructor was added to the health occupations program and a third to the manufacturing technology program. Five administrators - three of whom have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and was named president of the National Council of Local Administrators at the annual convention of the American Vocational Association. He also completed his second and final term as a member of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through

their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. Dr. Paist also continued service as one of the three secondary members of the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He also serves as chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

In the October issue of **TECHNIQUES**, the monthly journal of the American Vocational Association, Dr. Paist and Pathfinder were featured in an article written to illustrate the challenges and rewards of administering a secondary technical high school program in the late 1990's. Subjects were chosen for this issue as a result of their leadership roles in technical education on the state and national levels.

Budget and Finance

The School Committee adopted a FY99 gross budget of \$7,439,237. Of this amount, \$6,565,469 was for foundation purposes. The District expected to receive \$1,955,647 in Chapter 70 funds, \$226,545 in regional school transportation reimbursement, \$346,794 in school building assistance, leaving a remainder of \$3,189,479 to be raised through assessments to the member communities and non-resident tuition income.

Once again, the Committee adopted a budget in excess of the minimum contribution required from each of the member communities. These additional costs resulted primarily from the MVIP Program as well as from the second-year portion of the school's technology plan. The School Committee was pleased to have the support of all six town meetings in initially approving the FY99 budget.

Although the amount has been steadily diminishing, the Committee once again faced the issue of "excess debt." For FY99, the district-wide impact was \$104,411. The budget which was finally adopted enabled each of the six towns to reduce their costs by their share of that debt. The Committee continues to believe that this provision of the Education Reform Law is fundamentally unfair and will press local legislators to at least soften the impact in future years.

The final Chapter 70 distribution and notification of minimum spending requirements received in July resulted in only minor adjustments for each member community, final assessment for which are listed below:

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Assessments: 1998-99

Town	Minimum Contribution	Share MVIP Program	Share of Hampden County	Share of Tech (1 Yr.)	Transpor- tation	Fixed Asset	Capital Assessment	Total
Belchertown	420136	37561	6269	19355	25193	320	42514	551347
Granby	263436	37561	2494	7701	10024	127	17272	338615
Monson	646077	18781	8519	26302	34235	435	26906	761254
New Braintree	42625	--	802	2477	3224	41	3486	52656
Palmer	605447	18781	9967	30771	40053	509	39931	745458
Ware	320578	56359	6834	21099	27464	349	28348	461030
Total	2298299	169042	34886	107705	140193	1780	158456	2910361

Concluding Statement

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies. Pathfinder intends to continue its membership in the Regional Education & Business Alliance, an effort that serves as a catalyst for change. It also intends to work with its sister institutions throughout Massachusetts to develop common plans and responses to the challenges we face.

The Committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectation that some of the inadequacies in regional school finance and governance will be addressed. It is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within the District, and to that end, respectfully invites the continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in all of our seven communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown
Gary F. Connaughton, Granby
Harry T. Comerford, Hardwick
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
Sybil J. George, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Amber Paul, Student Representative
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent- Director

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board is pleased to present its report for the calendar year 1998.

Our board consists of five members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. We met ten times in 1998. The primary function of our board is to serve as an advisory body regarding the Personnel By-Laws.

This past year, we received several proposals to change the By-Laws. Upon review, we made recommendations for policy changes including an increase in the vacation allowance and the establishment of a sick leave bank. In addition, we responded to one grievance.

We also maintained an ongoing review of the Town's Classification-Compensation Plan. In this capacity, we made recommendations for classifying twelve different positions and surveyed area towns to ensure a fair and equitable compensation level.

We look forward to continuing our work with town officials and employees in 1999.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Wildey, Chairman
Lester Howard
David Kuzmeski
Florine Neggers
Themis Tsoumas

BELCHERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 1998 our community experienced less crime, increased community policing services, and completed plans for a new Police Station.

Projected crime statistics for 1998 appear to be lower than last year when we experienced a slight increase. Although numbers are currently down, drugs, domestic violence, and property crimes continue to be disturbing issues for the Belchertown Police Department.

Belchertown Police Officers arrested 248 persons in 1998. Officers responded to 432 disturbance calls, 846 alarms, 579 calls that generated reports, and 3065 calls classified as general for a total of 4922 calls requiring service. Approximately 2000 emergency calls were received via the Department's Enhanced 911 service.

Several grant applications through the year were successful and allowed us to continue our D.A.R.E. programs and community policing. The Department also received computer systems equipment and mobile data terminals through grants. Another grant received will allow schools and the Police Department to work together proactively on school violence issues.

The Community Services Unit, under the guidance of Sgt. Fran Fox, extended several community policing initiatives. A citizens police academy was held in the spring and fall. The program is run over a ten week period and includes classes on firearms, criminal law, police procedures, accident investigation, and defense tactics. Citizens attending the academy are invited to participate with officers on patrol ride-alongs. The basis of the academy is to provide a better understanding of what we do for our residents. Future dates will be announced and local residents are encouraged to apply. Classes meet at the former Franklin School.

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training was provided to local women by department instructors. Several classes have been completed and the program will now be offered to children from ages five to ten years. Training involves school safety, home safety, good touch, bad touch, and how to use 9-1-1.

Lt. Bill Zobka worked with senior citizens developing an identification system for individuals who no longer have a driver's license. This system enables seniors to cash checks at surrounding businesses. Other programs with seniors include Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) and T.R.I.A.D. which is a cooperative effort between local police, the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department, and the Office of the District Attorney. Programs are geared to reducing crime and making elders aware of public safety issues that are specific to them.

Officer Kevin Pacunas has continued working with fifth grade students teaching the core D.A.R.E. curriculum. D.A.R.E. is an early intervention program, which acquaints kids with facts and consequences surrounding drugs. Sgt. Jim Jackson teaches D.A.R.E. at the high school level.

Attempts at reducing accidents have been successful. One hundred seventy-five accidents were investigated in 1998, compared to 213 the previous year. Officers issued 2529 motor vehicle citations and attempted to address motor vehicle violation problems whenever requested. Citizens are asked to call the Speedwatch Hot Line at 323-0100 to report problems when noticed.

Increased violence in our nation struck home when in August police officers exchanged gunfire with an armed subject who fired at police as they approached the scene of a motor vehicle accident. Thanks to training and warnings from nearby residents, the subject was arrested without injury to officers or persons in the vicinity.

Officers David Conkey and Joseph Fillmore joined the full-time ranks in November of 1998 after graduating from the Police Academy. Both are welcome additions to the Department.

Certainly one of the most significant accomplishments of 1998 was the completion of plans for a new police station. Excavation of the site, located at the former Belchertown State School, began in the fall. Completion is expected in early 2000. The new building will encompass 11,000 square feet and will include evidence and records storage areas, male and female shower and locker areas, a physical fitness room, a combination training and community room, as well as increased office, interview, and communications space.

As always, the Belchertown Police Department is grateful for the support received from our residents. It is noted that our success comes from community support, combined with the efforts of all surrounding police agencies and the Office of the District Attorney. Included with a team effort from all town departments and town government, we are able to provide quality service and protection for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

PLANNING BOARD

Belchertown remains the most rapidly growing town in western Mass, and the development rate increased during 1998. Over forty new building lots were created along existing town roads, and two new preliminary subdivisions were approved with twenty-five new building lots.

One difference from recent years is that there was a higher percentage of non-residential development. Much of the non-residential construction was as municipal structures, but there was also an increase in commercial building. The Planning Board approved an industrial subdivision, Harris Industrial Park, off Bay Road. This created eight lots in an area which was already partly developed with industrial uses. As of the year's end, the Planning Board is reviewing a site plan for the town's first new shopping center in over thirty years.

A Master Plan Study Committee was established by the Planning Board. This working group is to research the master planning process, funding requirements and possibilities, and how master plans have been created and implemented in other towns. It is to complete its research and report by May of this year. The Planning Board hopes to then appoint a larger Master Plan committee with representatives from throughout the town. The Master Plan is a large project which will take several years. The Planning Board wants to start the process this year.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and holding public hearings. The Planning Board oversees requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law, common drive developments, subdivisions, frontage lot, or "Approval Not Required", plans, and open space community developments. The board also advises and assists other

town offices, developers, and property owners, as well as the general public.

A zoning by-law change the Planning Board initiated in 1998 added restrictions to what is known as "adult entertainment", which previously had not been restricted further than any other business.

The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions.

The Town Planner oversees the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, legal and procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, residents, and businesses.

Development Activity

Added to the two preliminary subdivision plans submitted during 1998, were two definitive subdivision plans that resulted in twenty-one building lots. The Planning Board also monitored seven subdivisions under construction during 1998. One subdivision was issued a Certificate of Completion. Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were also processed.

The Planning Board endorsed forty-three Approval Not Required plans which resulted in forty-one building lots. These plans are those which divide land along existing road frontage and do not require subdivision approval.

Plans for two common drive developments were reviewed, and three site plans were reviewed.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

- James Hodgen, Chair and Single Signature (term expires: 2000);
- Elizabeth Chase, Clerk (term expires: 2002);
- Michael Beresky, Vice Chair (term expires: 2001);
- James Barry, Member and Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2003);
- J. Arnold Voehringer, Member (term expires: 1999);
- Michael Henry, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits; (appointed annually)
- James Natle, Associate Member. (appointed annually)

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

James D. Hodgen, Chairman
Planning Board

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report

1998 was a year of successful transitions and continued focus on challenges and goals.

After sixteen years of dedicated service to the Belchertown School District, Robert B. Byard retired as Superintendent of Schools and turned the reigns over to Associate Superintendent Richard A. Pazasis. With this transition, both stability and continued improvement for the school district was insured. Other successful transitions included: the appointment of Christine Parzych as the new Principal of Belchertown High School; the first full year for Gary McCauley, as the Principal of Chestnut Hill Community School; and an expanded role for Richard McNerny as Director of Pupil Personnel Services. In addition, the school district's first School Business Manager, Michael Krzystofik, joined the administrative team.

District-wide challenges continued to be: providing for student growth; integrating the state's new mandated curriculum into the school district's curricula; and being more accountable for student performance. The initiative to build a new high school, the hard work of K-12 curriculum committees, and receiving the school district's first MCAS scores (i.e., new state tests to measure student performance) kept everyone focused on these challenges.

Of particular note were Belchertown School District's first MCAS scores. Despite the "doom & gloom" of low MCAS scores predicted by the State Board of Education, the Belchertown School District had excellent scores as compared to other school districts in our geographic area and was listed as 84th out of 208 school districts in Massachusetts (as published in the *Boston Globe*).

Primary Schools Grades K-2

The Primary Schools (Berkshire, Cold Spring, and Tadgell) continue to provide sound and effective early childhood instruction for all 580 students in Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade. Many long and short term goals outlined in the School Improvement Plan have recently been accomplished and achieved. A sustained effort to strengthen partnerships between home, school, and the entire learning community remains to be a valuable asset in collectively educating our younger students. Many new programs and events such as Great Books, Math Magic, Art a-la-Carte, Minds on Math, and The Primary School Players Drama Club have been added to extend and enrich our instructional practices.

The collegial and professional staff of dedicated educators at the primary level continues to refine and develop their instructional methodologies and classroom practices. An emphasis on child-centered learning that is meaningful and relevant provides our students with educational experiences that are fun, exciting, and developmentally appropriate.

Interdisciplinary instruction is being used across the grade levels in an effort to help students see the connections between what they learn in school and how it applies to their everyday lives. A multi-cultural theme affords students opportunities to learn about themselves and others in a safe learning environment emphasizing respect for oneself and others.

The Primary School Council whose members include: Donna Skibel, Parent Representative & Co-Chair; Janet Footit, Parent Representative; Eve Green, Parent Representative; Susan Bennett, Staff Representative; Marnie Henneman, Staff Representative; James Lafley, Community Representative; and Sandra Bremer, Principal & Co-Chair; spent numerous hours revising and updating the School Improvement Plan. This comprehensive document serves as a framework and guiding force for continued and sustained school improvement.

A discernible momentum of achievements and accomplishments allows us to now build upon our strengths and provide even more effective programs and successful events for our students at the Primary level. Working collaboratively with the new Superintendent, Richard Pazasis, on future projects will embellish and enrich our current endeavors and initiatives so that all of our students thrive and flourish now and into the future.

Swift River Elementary School Grades 3-5

The community of staff and students of Swift River Elementary School have valued the first two plus years in our new facility. We have developed a family style community based upon the values of **MUTUAL RESPECT, RESPECT FOR OUR SCHOOL, and RESPECT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT.**

A major goal for this year is to gain skills in working as teams. To accomplish this, **LEADERSHIP SKILLS TRAINING** was given to our administrative team consisting of the principal, lead teachers and head teachers. Also, the entire staff was provided **TEAM BUILDING SKILLS TRAINING.** Workshops were provided by Lt. Col. Armand Tourangeau and Chief Kathy Wood (a Belchertown resident) of the Center for Excellence from Westover Air Force Base.

Last spring the Massachusetts Department of Education implemented the State's new testing program, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). All students in grade 4 participated in the assessment program. Grade level results were received in November and individual results were mailed home to parents. In anticipation of test results, teacher representatives from all grade levels, special needs and guidance attended several workshops focused on improving performance on State testing in the areas of science, mathematics, and language arts. Grade 4 teachers analyzed the test results and correlated the strengths and weaknesses to the strands of learning within the Curriculum Frameworks. This information was then shared with teachers from K-5 as part of a coordinated effort to help reach the State's goal of having 75% of students in the top two proficiency levels. Swift River School staff is in the process of implementing plans for improvement, while preparing for more testing this spring. The second round of MCAS testing is scheduled for the weeks of April 26-30 and May 17-28.

This spring our school will present a production of "Annie", from the Broadway Junior Collection. Musicals in this series have been tailored to the needs of young performers, artists and audiences. The planning has been underway since the spring of 1998, and the final production is scheduled for March 25, 26, 27, 1999. Theatre workshops and instruction began in November, on a try-out basis, and students are required to participate in weekly after-school rehearsals. The production will take place at the Belchertown High School. The Hampshire Education Collaborative has eagerly endorsed our project with a commitment of \$900 in the form of a Community Service Learning Grant for additional production expenses. This play takes place during the Great Depression. We feel that in order to make this

performance meaningful for our students, it will be necessary to give them some foundation for what it was like during this time period, especially here in Belchertown. In order to accomplish this we will be involving the Belchertown Historical Society and the Clapp Memorial Library to present the historical background on this time period. We feel that it will also benefit our community to see, as a result of this production, an outreach project which ties into the theme of this play. Involved in the project will be several members of the Swift River Elementary School. Mrs. Sue Ingraham is a music teacher and has been involved in many facets of community theatre. Mr. Herman Bowden is a teacher at Swift River Elementary School and had conducted theater workshops, locally, for many years. Mrs. Christina Brownell is the school media specialist at Swift River Elementary School and she has been involved in many local school and library productions.

Chestnut Hill Community School Grade 6-8

Chestnut Hill Community School is the place to be for middle school students in Belchertown. The doors of CHCS are open wide from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. offering students a full day of educational challenges, after school clubs and activities, music lessons, concerts, and numerous athletic events. We are fortunate to have a beautiful facility, a quality staff, and a wonderful group of young adults.

It is a pleasure to report that this is the third year our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have been educated under one roof. The stability of being housed in one building has allowed us to make great strides toward creating a model middle school. Also, the addition of two new teaching positions in our 8th grade gave us the flexibility to reduce class size, expand opportunities for students to take algebra, and create a full schedule of academics and exploratory subjects for every child.

The development of quality after school programs to augment existing activities continues to be a high priority at CHCS. We successfully applied for a federal grant to be a "21st Century Learning Center" and will receive \$34,960 per year, for the next three years, to implement our after school plan for students in grades 5-8. The focus will be on achieving academic excellence through enriched instructional opportunities that connect our students to community service activities. The grant will allow us to offer four eight-week sessions, each serving 30-35 students, and coordinated by certified teachers.

All of our success would not have been possible without the support of the School Committee, Superintendent Richard Pazasis, the citizens of Belchertown, our students, and the dedicated teachers and staff of Chestnut

Hill Community School. Thank you for helping to make this a great year.

Belchertown High School Grades 9-12

The administration, faculty, staff and students of Belchertown High School dealt with a great of transition and change during the 1998-1999 school year, however, through it all we worked as a team and made it a very successful year.

Belchertown High School said goodbye to administrators, Mr. Anthony Gansis and Mr. Dennis Pike after many years of service to the high school. We appreciate all that they did for the students and we wish them well in all of their future endeavors. Ms. Christine Parzych was first appointed to the position of Assistant Principal and in mid-October Superintendent Richard Pazasis appointed her to the principalship. She along with the faculty, staff, and students have implemented a variety of programs that have helped to showcase Belchertown High School.

The opening day of school included a new program for students that included informational Administrative, Guidance, Student Council and Class Officers, and Extra-Curricular Activities sessions. The Extra-Curricular Activities session went very well and provided the students the opportunity to see the wide range of activities that Belchertown High School has to offer which include Humanities Club, Rainforest Action Committee, Diversity Club, French Club, Spanish Club, Peering Helping, Yearbook, SADD (Students Against Destruction Decisions), Ski Club, REACT, Model Congress, Drama Club, Chess Club, and Newspaper. The Student Council continues to be very active in the community service projects and they bring a variety of new and exciting programs to the building. We appreciate the efforts of all of the students and advisers who are involved in these activities.

In October, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation team visited Belchertown High School. Mrs. Jane Kubacki and Mrs. Janise Wheeler along with the faculty and staff put a great deal of effort, time, and enthusiasm into this very important visit. At the conclusion of the visit, the accreditation chair told the faculty and staff that Belchertown High School passed his "parent test" which meant that he would have no problem sending his own daughter to Belchertown High School.

The Athletics Program continues to grown and our teams have been very successful. Carol D'Antuono was appointed as the new Director of Athletics replacing Michael Cowles. We thank Mr. Cowles for his dedication to the program over the years. In December, the Varsity Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams, the Varsity

Girls' Volleyball team, and the Varsity Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Team were recognized during an assembly for receiving the Gold Award from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association for maintaining team averages of 3.0 and better. Students received certificates for this fine accomplishment.

Pupil Personnel Services Grades PreK - 12

The Belchertown School Committee hired Richard McNerny as Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services this year. As of December 1, 1998, there were 392 special needs students, 103 Title 1 students and 13 students receiving English as a Second Language (ESL) services in the Belchertown Public School System. The vast majority of these students are serviced through programs provided within the district. These in-district programs include resource rooms at each level; primary, elementary, intermediate and high school. In addition to the six resource rooms, there is a Learning Skills Program at Belchertown High School, three Early Childhood Programs at Swift River Elementary School and an Early Childhood Language Program, also located at Swift River Elementary School. These programs, plus our therapeutic programs, service special needs students between the ages 3-22 years of age inclusive. Therapeutic programs include Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Adaptive Physical Education. With the assistance of our Integration Facilitator, several students who otherwise would be placed in out-of-district placements are currently being educated in their local schools with support services.

Title 1 and ESL services are offered to students who qualify under federal and state guidelines for additional support services. These services are provided in a variety of settings utilizing specialized materials and instruction.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the high quality Special Education, Title 1, and ESL services provided to the students of Belchertown are made possible through the dedication and expertise of the special education and regular education staffs.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

If I were to state the Department of Public Works had a productive year in 1998, it would be an understatement. The framework that was in place set the stage for one of the busiest and most exciting years ever. Several major construction projects, such as the Landfill Cap, Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, Stadler Street Sewer, Police Station, Senior Center and the Ron Constantino Recreation Area were at the center of this activity and excitement.

Although this department consists of six separate divisions, (Highway, Wastewater Treatment, Transfer Station, Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, Trees, and Cemeteries). Everyone worked together as a unified group, not only to perform their normal duties, but also to move some of these projects closer to completion and to begin several others. Any attempt to list all of each division's accomplishment entirely would be impossible. Therefore, I will offer only a brief summary of their activity.

Highway Division

This year the Highway Division's staff increased by one. In July, Michael Ladue transferred from the Maintenance Division bringing the total of highway employees to nine. Ironically, this is the same number of employees as in 1993, when budget cuts forced a department-wide downsizing. In order for this division to continue to meet the needs of the Town we must strive to run as efficiently as possible. The addition of new personnel, as well as new equipment, is what makes this possible.

This year several pieces of equipment were added to our inventory. A new compactor and cut-off saw were purchased for road construction projects. The highlight of the year was the approval from the Massachusetts Highway Department to use state aid to purchase a new dump truck. With this, we placed an order for a 10 wheel dump truck with a built-in sander at a cost of \$97,800.60. We are looking forward to delivery in the spring of 1999.

To some, the 97/98 winter may have seemed mild, however, the frequent ice storms that occurred kept the crews busy around the clock salting and sanding. These efforts were soon replaced by the need to patch potholes, sweep streets, paint lines, and clean catch basins. Later the focus was shifted to road resurfacing. This year 11.1 miles of roadway were either resurfaced with bituminous concrete or chip seal.

Locations resurfaced with bituminous concrete and which received drainage enhancements include:

• Summit Street	2750'
• No. Washington Street	5800'
• Rural Road	3480'
• Rockrimmon Road	4200'
• Hamilton Street	4600'
• Fletcher Avenue	1800'
• Ludlow Road	1800'
• Munsell Street	400'
• Cottage Street	1100'
• Gold Street	2926'
• Pine Street	2900'
• Barton Avenue	1195'
• Jensen Road	6100'

Locations resurfaced with chip seal included:

• Railroad Street	4965'
• Shea Avenue	4858'
• Daniel Square	1531'
• Fox Run Drive	1165'
• Daniel Square Ext.	430'
• Kimball Street	2218'
• Westwood Drive	2590'
• Granby Road	1800'

Also included with these road enhancements were 730 lineal feet of guardrail installations at the following locations:

• Ludlow Road	100'
• George Hannum Road	180'
• Rural Road	100'
• Turkey Hill Road	110'
• Summit Street	80'
• Barton Avenue	160'

This division's main responsibility has always been road maintenance, however, this year we expanded our efforts to several construction projects. The long awaited Barton Avenue intersection project was completed. This included the removal of a house, construction of approximately 250' of new roadway, and finally discontinuance of the two existing intersections.

Two other major projects began this year. First, is the site work at the new Police Station and Senior Center. So far, a house was removed from the site; the property was cleared of trees, brush, and stumps; the topsoil was stripped and stockpiled; and the site was backfilled with over 7000 cubic yards of gravel. We will now focus our efforts on installing a new water line, sewer line, and drainage system. The second project is the construction of the Ron Constantino Recreation Area. This site was

also cleared of vegetation, filled with over 4000 cubic yards of excess material from road projects, and received the necessary drainage improvements. This year we will use topsoil from the Police Station and Senior Center site to develop new soccer and baseball fields.

This division's report would not be complete without the mention of the retirement of our longtime Highway Foreman, Dave Barrett. After 18 years, he has left to enjoy some well deserved rest, although I am confident that this transaction will be a smooth one, I know this place will never be the same without Dave.

Maintenance Department

This division's responsibilities include the maintenance and repair of all town owned buildings and property with the exception of those within the School Department's jurisdiction. Currently there are over 100 acres of open space, gardens, ballfields, and cemeteries that are in need of constant attention. Ongoing maintenance is also performed at the Town Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, Finnerty House, Highway Garage, Town Beach, Ambulance Garage, and the Old Town Hall, all of which keeps this 5 member division extremely active. This division also works closely with other departments to meet specific seasonal and conditional needs. Although sometimes unnoticed, this division reaches every corner of Town either routinely or while completing special projects.

Some of the projects they were responsible for this year are outlined below:

- Finnerty House (Recreation Dept. Office) remodeling. This included new vinyl siding, painting of exterior trim, and lighting improvements.
- Finnerty House garage relocation. This garage was moved to the public works yard for future use as a storage building. Its relocation was a joint effort between maintenance and highway.
- Construction of a computer training room at Lawrence Memorial Hall. For this project several partitions were erected, a new electrical service was installed and workstations were constructed. During this project, the Computing Department's office was also relocated from the second floor to the first floor.
- At the public works yard, maintenance employees repaired, and repainted the salt storage shed.

These employees also worked closely with the Recreation Department at the Town Beach coordinating the delivery of two new buildings, and with the ongoing efforts to open the Town's Teen Center.

The Maintenance Division also experienced growth with additional staffing and new equipment. Angie Axsom's position was upgraded from part-time to full-time custodian. She is responsible for the general upkeep at the Town Hall, Police Station, Recreation Department Office, and the Highway Garage. Several pieces of new equipment were also added to the inventory. The highlight was a 1998 Chevy 1 ton Dump Truck which will primarily be used for grounds maintenance activities.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

This division's activity centered around the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction project, as the contract for this work was awarded to R.H. White, Inc., of Auburn, MA., for \$8,294,000. Construction of a new process building, several tanks, and various processes began shortly thereafter, and is expected to continue until May of the year 2000. This project will bring the Town into compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's administrative order which was previously issued to the Town.

Also included within the scope of work is an additional 500,000 gallons per day of capacity to accommodate future growth within the Town, as well as the five-phased sewer expansion project; which also made considerable progress in 1998. The bids for the Stadler Street Sewer were opened late in the year and will be awarded in January of 1999.

This is the first step in bringing sewer service to the Pine Valley Plantation Retirement Community. The second part is to run sewer down Springfield Road. To keep this project on track, the Town not only applied to the Department of Environmental Protection for funding, we also signed a historic agreement with Pine Valley to provide assistance in obtaining the necessary funding for their project. This division also saw a new face in 1998 as Rollin Dewitt assumed the responsibilities of Operations Supervisor in June. He brings with him ten years of experience in the operation of publicly owned treatment works

Rollin and the staff at the plant have continued to strive for the highest quality of effluent possible with 107,580,000 gallons of raw sewerage entering the facility. They were busy, some of their required work included:

- Collection System Maintenance
- Sampling and Laboratory Analysis
- Buildings and Ground Maintenance
- General Housekeeping
- Machinery Maintenance
- DEP Mandated Training
- Process Control
- Sewer Connection Inspections

Transfer Station

Our Transfer Station, recycling center has been described as a state of the art facility, which provides one stop waste disposal at a reasonable rate. I am happy to report that the fees for this service has remained the same throughout 1998. The price for a vehicle pass remains at \$40.00, with a senior citizen discount of \$7.00.

The facility accepts all types of materials, as outlined below, with quantities collected in 1998.

- 19 tons of plastic
- 363 tons of paper and cardboard
- 61 tons of glass and metal
- 5560 gallons of waste oil
- 187 assorted tires
- 661 tons of solid waste

In addition to those materials, we also offer all town residents the opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste. In June this department held its annual hazardous waste day. Although only 98 residents participated in this year's event, 33 drums of material were collected at a disposal cost of \$5,565.00.

Finally, the Landfill Capping project was completed in 1998. With a cost of \$867,555.19 we eagerly anticipated the completion of this project in order to receive a grant of \$105,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection. This funding will be put back into the general fund to help offset the cost of the project.

Cemetery Division

During the past year, a total of 27 burials were conducted, 8 of which were cremations. Other activities included lot sales and development, and ground maintenance. This division is one of two that does not currently have any full-time employees. However, Dave Hodgen and Paul Cook are former Cemetery Commissioners who have remained on to perform a much needed service for the Town. These two should be complimented for their dedication.

Tree and Vegetation Control

As more Eastern White Ash trees fall victim to a blight which has swept this region, this division's main focus is still largely comprised of tree removal. However, I am pleased to report that ten Sugar Maple trees were recently planted at the Chestnut Hill Community School. These are replacements for the damaged trees that were originally planted in memory of Gerry Whitlock and Stephen Knight.

We also planted a Glen-Leven Linden at the South Cemetery entrance and a Princeton American Elm on the Town Common. These Elms were developed at Princeton University and are highly resistant to the Dutch Elm disease. I am hopeful that these Elms will closely resemble the original Elm Trees that once lined the Town's roadways, and will be able to be incorporated into a replanting program.

Concluding Statement

In conclusion, I would like to call attention to the 20 employees within the Department of Public Works. These employees should be recognized for their dedication and abilities. 365 days a year they provide services to the Town which sometimes go virtually unnoticed and are often taken for granted. I would also like to thank the many dedicated business owners, contractors and consultants that support this department. Without their support we would be unable to provide the quality services we pride ourselves on.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

The past year has been a very busy and exciting time for the Senior Center Building Committee.

Our first objective was to determine present and future programs, services and space requirements. Many meetings were held with staff, seniors and other town department. Committee members visited other Senior Centers to meet with their directors and staff. During several meetings with Reinhardt Associates these results were discussed and modified to arrive at a final plan that all committee members agreed would fit these space and use needs. This building will be approximately 10,000 square feet, efficient, functional and in keeping with the character of the Town.

At a Special Town Meeting on December 7, 1998 funding was approved for construction. Site work has been in progress and work on the building will begin sometime in the spring of 1999. Completion is expected toward the end of 1999 with occupancy in early 2000.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported this project. It has been a very rewarding experience for all of us.

Respectfully submitted:

Florine Neggers, Chairman
Ellen Hall, Vice Chairman
Terry Clark, Clerk (resigned 9/98)
Barbara Cummings, Senior Center Director
Terri Ericksberg
Sam Joyal
William Kimball
Alice Peden
Jim Shea
Lorraine Zatyra

VETERANS' GRAVES CARE OF GRAVES OF VETERANS

Annually in April, the Mayor of every City and the Selectmen of every Town shall appoint a resident of such city or town, preferably a veteran as defined in clause forty-three of section seven of Chapter four as a Veterans Grave Officer. It shall be the duty of such Veteran's Graves Officer to cause every Veteran's Grave within such city or town to be suitably kept and cared for. Such care shall include the clearing of weeds and other unseemly growth from said graves: the repairing, replacement and general upkeep of fences around said graves; the raising and repairing of sunken gravestones and markers and other similar services that may be necessary to restore and maintain such graves and their

surroundings in an orderly condition. If the cost of such care and maintenance is not paid by private persons or by the trustees of the cemeteries where any such grave is situated, it shall be paid by the city or town; cities and towns may appropriate money therefor. Money so appropriated may be expended directly by the city or town or paid over to the trustees or manager of any cemetery where any such grave is situated; but the sum so charged for the annual care and maintenance of like lots in the same cemetery or if no such charge is made in that cemetery, it shall not exceed the sum charged in other cemeteries in the same city or town for like services. In cities and towns where there are cemeteries containing the remains of deceased veterans, such cities or towns shall cause to be placed on such veterans' graves a flag of the United States on every Memorial Day.

The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115 so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the cost of flags to decorate veterans' graves. This was passed in 1998 and subsequently the Town of Belchertown will be reimbursed 75% of the 1998 cost for flags.

A special "Thank You" to the American Legion, Post 239 Belchertown, MA for their wonderful help in placing the flags on the graves.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Messier, Veterans' Graves Officer
Vincent Viglione, Assistant

VETERANS' SERVICES

Administrative Expenditures

Salaries,	<u>\$5,596.26</u>	<u>\$5,596.26</u>
Supplies and Services:		

Financial Assistance Expenditures

Ordinary	\$17,784.10	<u>\$19,933.10</u>	<u>\$25,529.36</u>
Benefits			
Fuel Benefits	\$1,161.00		
Medical	\$913.00	<u>\$19,933.10</u>	<u>\$25,529.36</u>
Benefits			
Burials	-0-		
Groceries	\$75.00		

Expected Reimbursements	<u>\$14,949.83</u>
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NET EXPENDITURES	<u>\$10,579.53</u>
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Both the Town and the Commonwealth share in the funding of this program. Each year the Town of Belchertown budgets money for the Veterans' Benefits and is reimbursed a portion of this money. The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115 so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the monies expended on Veterans' Benefits. Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1987 was signed in law by Governor Michael Dukakis.

The Veterans' Services Department administers benefits for Town of Belchertown veterans which are separate and distinct from those provided by the Veterans Administration (VA), a program of the Federal Government. The department, however, does file for a variety of benefits for Belchertown veterans and their dependents from the Federal VA Office. The Federal money we secure for our recipients reduces the Town money we pay in many cases, once a recipient commences to receive money from these federal programs, we are able to close the case with no further expenditure of Town money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. William Carrier, Director
Veterans' Service Department

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals received fourteen applications in 1998. Out of the fourteen applications there were seven Special Permits granted with one Special Permit request being denied. Six Variance requests were granted. There is one application that had been carried over into 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Roncolato, Chairman
Scott Turner
Stephen Wurmbrand
Sandra Webb, Associate Member
Dianne Loftus-Mas, Associate Member
Raymond Goff, Associate Member

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

**Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held
March 16, 1998 at Chestnut Hill Community School
FY98**

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Registered voters present – 106 (quorum required – 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

Before addressing the warrant, a transaction involving \$1.00 was conducted. State Representative Patrick Landers announced that the State had agreed to sell Parcel A of the former State School property to the town for a nominal fee. He praised the work of the Selectmen and Town Administrator Gary Brougham, and then presented Selectman Chairman David Fredenburgh with the one dollar the property will cost the town. The finalization of this sale is expected to take place sometime in April.

Article 1

Voted to appropriate \$1,600,000 to upgrade and expand the Belchertown Waste Water Treatment Facility and Sewer Line, including without limitations all costs therefor as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, augmenting the vote of the March 3, 1997 Special Town Meeting, Article 27, and to meet this appropriation, appropriate from the Sewer enterprise Free Cash \$300,000, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,300,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44, Section 7(1), of the General Laws, and/or Chapter 29C, of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust or otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any Federal or State aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2

Voted to adopt the following resolution –

Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates in a Competitive
Electricity Market

Whereas the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and,

Whereas citizens of the Town of Belchertown in Hampshire County have substantial economic, environmental, and social interests at stake; and,

Whereas Belchertown's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electric rates and improving services;

Be it therefore resolved that Town Meeting Members of Belchertown, support the exercise by the Board of Selectmen of its authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other towns with the understanding that, if such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative for service they desire, and

Be it further resolved that the Town Meeting supports its appointment by the Board of Selectmen of a representative to a county-wide committee to oversee such joint action.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, an amendment was defeated by a majority no vote which would have, in the last paragraph, changed the wording to "Be it further resolved that Town Meeting supports its "election of a representative ...")

Article 3

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$8,000 to repair the parking lot at the Belchertown High School.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4

On the motion – To appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$15,000 to resurface the gymnasium floor at Chestnut Hill Community School – an amendment was offered to take no action. Both the amendment and subsequent amended motion were passed unanimously to take no action.

Article 5

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Purpose:

Based on research, reviews of legal literature, including case law, and the experiences of other municipalities, the Belchertown Planning Board recognizes that so-called "adult entertainment", as defined in MGL Chapter 40A, section 9A, can be regulated only by addressing the secondary effects of such businesses. The products of such businesses cannot be banned from the Town and cannot be restricted.

Secondary effects include adverse effects of traffic, adverse effects on property values, adverse effects on neighborhood character, adverse effects on public health, parking demand, signage, and other such technical and amoral matters.

It is the purpose of this "Adult Entertainment" By-Law to address and mitigate the secondary effects of the adult entertainment establishments and sexually-oriented businesses as defined herein. The provision of this By-Law have neither the purpose nor intent of imposing a limitation on the content of any communicative matter or materials, including sexually-oriented matter or materials. Similarly, it is not the purpose or intent of this By-Law to restrict or deny access by adults to adult entertainment establishments or to sexually-oriented matter or materials that are protected by the Constitutions of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor to restrict or deny rights that distributors or exhibitors of such matter or materials may have to sell, rent, distribute or exhibit such matter or materials. Neither is it the purpose or intent of this By-Law to legalize the sale, rental, distribution or exhibition of obscene or other illegal matter or materials.

Add the following:

To Section 1.1 – Definitions: "Adult Bookstore, Adult Motion Picture Theatre, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Video Store, and Establishments Which Display Live Nudity, in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 9A."

To Section 3 – Schedule of Uses: Under Business Uses add "Adult Bookstore, Adult Motion Picture Theatre, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Video Store, and Establishments Which Display Live Nudity", to be allowed by Special Permit from the Board of Selectmen (SP/S) in the General Business (B-2) zone only.

To footnotes for Section 3: "No adult use shall be allowed to display for advertisement or other purpose any signs, placards or other materials to the general public on the exterior of the building or on the interior where the same may be seen through glass or other like transparent material any sexually explicit figures or words as defined in MGL Chapter 272, Section 31."

and

"This Zoning By-Law prohibits the issuance of such special permits to any person convicted of violating the provisions of MGL Chapter 119, Section 63 or Chapter 272, Section 28."

2/3's required (Vote – yes by voice vote = 2/3's. Upon inquiry of Moderator, no one requested a hand count.)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, an amendment to take not action was defeated by a majority no vote.)

Article 6

Voted to transfer a certain tract or parcel of town-owned land, being a westerly portion of a lot identified as Assessors Map 249, Lot 126 (also known as the land to the south and west of the Belchertown High School), to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of being held as Protected Parkland. The tract to be so designated is shown as Parcel B of a Plan of Land prepared by Almer Huntley & Associates, Inc. dated March 11, 1998 and more particularly bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin found on the southeasterly side of Springfield Road at the northeasterly corner of the herein described parcel;

Thence, running S51° 59' 02" E along land now or formerly of J. Christopher Longtine or a distance of 234.88 feet to a point;

Thence, running S65° 06' 32" W along land of the Town of Belchertown a distance of 250.00 feet to a point;

Thence, running S09° 01' 28" E along land of the Town of Belchertown a distance of 450.00 feet to a point;

Thence, running S19° 39' 37" E along land of the Town of Belchertown a distance of 500.00 feet to a point;

Thence, running S82° 33' 46" E along land of the Town of Belchertown a distance of 330.00 feet to an iron pin found;

Thence, running S06° 54' 48" W along land of now or formerly of one Cincotta, land now or formerly of one Scott, and land now or formerly of one Rouleau a distance of 461.92 feet to a point;

Thence, running N82° 50' 51" W along now or formerly of one LaPolice and Rouleau a distance of 332.34 feet to a point;

Thence, running S05° 41' 44" W along land of said LaPolice and Rouleau a distance of 83.63 feet to a point;

Thence, running N81° 41' 04" W along land now or formerly of Deborah Fredenburgh a distance of 343.93 feet to a point;

Thence, running N00° 22' 41" W along land of said Fredenburgh a distance of 168.34 feet to a point;

Thence, running N89° 37' 19" E along land of said Fredenburgh a distance of 94.52 feet to a point;

Thence, running N01° 18' 27" E along land of said Fredenburgh a distance of 544.01 feet to a point;

Thence, running N86° 03' 29" W along land of said Fredenburgh a distance of 100.00 feet to a point;

Thence, running N14° 43' 23" W along land of said Fredenburgh a distance of 439.75 feet to a point;

Thence, running N03° 56' 31" E along land of said Fredenburgh a distance of 150.00 feet to a point,

Thence, running N67° 50' 06" E along land now or formerly of one Kimball a distance of 156.72 feet to a point;

Thence, running N03° 56' 31" E along land of said Kimball a distance of 49.27 feet to a point;

Thence, running N02° 53' 43" E along land of said Kimball a distance of 159.45 feet to an iron pin found on the southeasterly side of Springfield Road;

Thence, running N60° 00' 48" E along the southeasterly side of said Springfield Road a distance of 70.51 feet to a point;

Thence, running N55° 02' 31" E along the southeasterly side of said Springfield a distance of 106.65 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 14.253 acres of land, more or less.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7

Voted to appropriate from the Swift River School Construction Account the sum of \$70,000 to build a pavilion, parking lot and make other site improvements at the Protected Parkland, as voted in the previous article, to bring it up to the standard of the Chestnut Hill

Community School site prior to the construction of the Swift River Elementary School.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN MASSACHUSETTS

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 11, 1998 at Belchertown High School FY98

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.

Registered voters present – 359 (Quorum required – 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

Article 1

Voted to authorize the transfer of a part of the building known as the Belchertown Fire Station designated as a section of the second floor constructed in 1902 to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said section of the building to the Belchertown Firefighters' Association for One Dollar.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town a parcel of land containing 2,917.6 square feet abutting the northerly sideline of the Hamilton Road Sanitary Landfill as further described below, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine appropriate, for the purpose of containing a portion of the sanitary landfill, said parcel of land being owned by Walter and Julia Tolpa:

Proceeding from a point in the westerly sideline of Hamilton Road, said point being the northeast corner of lands belonging to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown and the southeast corner of lands belonging to Walter and Julia Tolpa and proceeding along a common property line S 89° - 18' - 11" E a distance of 269.78' to a point thence, S 89° - 32' - 14" W a distance of 121.91' to the point of beginning, thence, N 73° - 38' - 02" W a distance of 75.19' to a point, thence, S 89° 02' - 07" W a distance of 48.95' to a point, thence, S 79° - 25' - 16" W a distance of 42.98' to a point, thence,

S 70° - 54' - 12" W a distance of 46.51' to a point on the property line between Belchertown and Tolpa, thence, proceeding along said property line N 88° - 56' - 49" E a distance of 103.72' to a point, thence, N 89° - 32' - 14" E a distance of 103.59' to the point of beginning.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$303,526.00 from the Belchertown State School Property Purchase Account for infrastructure, site work and any other preparations/construction for Parcel A at the former Belchertown State School to allow for use of the property and/or structures by the Town of Belchertown.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 4

Voted to change the purpose of the appropriation of the vote on Article 4 of the October 15, 1996 Special Town Meeting from remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to Nursery I at the former Belchertown State School for use as a Police Station Building and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to Nursery II at the former Belchertown State School for use as a Senior Center to the purpose of designing, constructing and equipping a new Police Station and a new Senior Center building on the land known as Parcel A of the former Belchertown State School.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 5

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$183,000.00 from free cash in the treasury to the Schools #9000 account for Special Education.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 6

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Worker's Compensation Account to the Unemployment Insurance Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 7

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Snow Removal Account and the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Town Share Health Insurance Account for a total appropriation of \$10,000 to the General Insurance Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 8

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$100.00 from the Sewer Expense Account to the Interceptor Sewer of 1949 Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 9

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Rail Trail Account to purchase an Inverter for the Ambulance Department.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 10

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Town Share Health Insurance Account to purchase and install a new hoist at the Town Garage.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 11

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Snow Removal Account for a security system for the Town Garage.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Sewer Wage Account for roof repairs at the Town Garage.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 13

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Interest Account for a new pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 14

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 from the Sewer Wage Account to purchase equipment for the Health Officer.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 15

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 from the Town Share Medicare Account for fence repairs at the Austin Gaughn ball field.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 16

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 from the DPW Salary Account and the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Town Share Medicare Account for a total appropriation of \$8,500.00 for projects at Lawrence Memorial Hall.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 17

On the motion – to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Town Share Health Insurance Account for replacing the shower heads at Chestnut Hill School,

a Majority No vote defeated the article.

Article 18

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$26,000.00 from the Police Wage Account for the purchase of a police cruiser.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 19

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 from the Town Administrator Salary Account to the Ambulance Wage Account.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

**Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held
May 11, 1998 and continued on May 12, 1998 at
Belchertown High School
FY99**

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 8:09 pm (at the conclusion of a
Special Town Meeting)

Registered voters present – 359 (Quorum required – 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Girls from the 4-H Club led the group in the Pledge of
Allegiance to the Flag, and the National Anthem was
sung beautifully by high school senior Ann M. Oey.

The following awards were given by the Board of
Selectmen:

- To Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood – citations for 25 years of service as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D.Bridgman funds.
- To Owen D. Maloney, Librarian – Employee of the Year.
- To Kathryn Z. Ruhf – Volunteer of the Year.
- To Robert B. Byard – Citizen of the Year.

State Senator Stephen Brewer and Representative Patrick Landers presented a joint citation from the General Court to the two retiring Selectmen, W. Daniel Fitzpatrick and Bernard R. Kubiak, for their many years of service to the Town. Representative Landers also presented another citation to each, from the Massachusetts House of Representatives. In addition, the Board of Selectmen presented both retirees with a framed Les Campbell photograph of a Belchertown scene.

Immediately before the Moderator began to read the first article, Kenneth Nolan rose to offer a motion prohibiting the reconsideration of any motion passed during this town meeting. It was passed by a majority, with little debate. Mr. Nolan then moved to take the last article on the warrant (Article 34) out of order and consider it first. This motion failed by a majority on a hand count: 139-138.

Article 1

Nominated and elected Linda E. Barron and Suzanne M. Bay as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman funds, each for one year; and Sylvia C. Conkey as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 2

Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 3

Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

- Assessors \$9.29
- Board of Health Members \$6.36

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 4
Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 5
Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6
Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7
Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account the sum of \$1,100.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8
Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to cover expenses involved with the EDIC to continue its work.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 10
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,780.00 for the following items:

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| • Next Phase of GIS | \$18,000.00 |
| • Compensation Plan Study | \$10,000.00 |
| • Computer Software and Equipment | \$39,110.00 |
| • Assessors' Revaluation | \$ 9,000.00 |
| • Election and Registration Wages and Expenses | \$ 3,695.00 |
| • Inspection Services Expenses | \$ 1,675.00 |
| • Clapp Memorial Library CW Mars Membership | \$17,500.00 |
| • Paint Old Town Hall | \$16,800.00 |

- Wastewater Pump Station Monitor \$ 1,500.00
- Fire Department Expenses \$12,500.00

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 11
Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$921,887.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,471,538.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,447,327.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$551,347.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$684,855.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being

considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,363.00 and appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$100,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$202,363.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,384.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$200,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$489,384.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,458.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees account the sum of \$2,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$37,458.00 to the Conservation Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to the Historical Commission and the sum of \$348.00 to the Historic District Committee, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$285,865.00 to the Human Services departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,376.00 and appropriate from recreation off-set receipts the sum of \$45,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$385,376.00 for Culture and Recreation departments, each item and

amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$229,244.00 for Buildings and Grounds departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,148,617.00 for Pensions and Insurance accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$45,600.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,652,825.00 and appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100,808.00 for a total appropriate of \$1,753,633.00 to the Interest and Debt accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriate voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12

Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$450,000.00 and from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$131,225.00 for a total appropriation of \$581,225.00 to be used by the High School Building Committee for the purpose of hiring an architectural firm to undertake site evaluations and complete the first phase design of a new high school building for the Town of Belchertown and for the purpose of purchasing appropriate land suitable for the building of a new Belchertown High School.

2/3's required (Vote – Majority Yes) Hand count not necessary in accordance with town by-law

Article 13

Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, changing the posting locations as listed in Article 1, Posting of Warrants by:

DELETING: "in the main entrance of the" and replacing with "on the official bulletin board in"

DELETING: "Chauncey Walker Street" and replacing with "Turkey Hill Road"

INSERTING: "and" after South Liberty Street

DELETING: "and at Town Hall" after Keyes Street.

The corrected Article 1, Posting of Warrants shall read as follows:

Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same on the official bulletin board in Lawrence Memorial Hall, and in at least five other places in town, which shall include bulletin boards located at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road; at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road; at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Turkey Hill Road; at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street; and at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, not less than seven days before the day appointed for the annual town meeting, or not less than fourteen days before the day appointed for a special town meeting, and the return of the officer, stating the manner of notice, shall be endorsed on the warrant.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14

On the motion – to amend the official Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

CHANGE: Federal Street, Map 205, Lots 38.100, 38.200, 38.300, 38.400 and 38.500 in their entirety, from the Primary Agricultural (AG-A), to Multiple-Dwelling Residential (MDR),

a unanimous no vote defeated the article.

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a motion to take no action failed by a majority no vote.)

At this point in the meeting (10:30 pm) it was voted to recess, to be reconvened at the same location on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30 pm.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Tuesday, May 12, 1998 Adjourned Session

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm

Registered voters present – 205 (Quorum required – 75)

Article 15

Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the land situated off Chauncey Walker Street (also referred to as Turkey Hill Road), as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA, Prepared for Cold Springs Development Corp.", by Sherman and Woods, dated February 2, 1998, said land being more particularly bounded and described according to said plan in the following prescribed manner:

CHANGE: Map 262, Lot 19.000, located at Chauncey Walker Street, Parcel A-1 (5.04± acres) from Agricultural A (AG-A) to Multiple Dwelling Residential (MDR).

CHANGE: Map 262, Lot 19.000, located at Chauncey Walker Street, Parcel B (5.57± acres) from General Business (B-2) to Agricultural A (AG-A).

CHANGE: Map 262, Lot 19.000, located at Chauncey Walker Street, Parcel C (7.18± acres) from Multiple Dwelling Residential (MDR) to Agricultural A (AG-A).

2/3's required (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

(Previous to voting on Article 15, the Moderator read the following:

"The public hearing was held on Mar. 24, 1998, regarding this Official Zoning Map amendment, and 21 days having elapsed since said meeting, in accordance with MGL 40A, Sec. 5, the town meeting is empowered to vote on said issue.")

Article 16

Voted to change the name of Esketh Street to Eskett Road.

Citizens Petition

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17

On the motion – to accept General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 25, regarding the Citizens appointment of Assessors or take any other action relative thereto, Petition

it failed by a majority no vote. (Count: No-91; Yes-88)

(Before the hand count was taken, and after a long discussion of some 35 minutes, the motion failed by a majority on a voice vote.)

Article 18

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Citizens MGL Chapter 41, Sec. 1, as it relates to the election of a Town Clerk for a Petition term of three (3) years, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous No Action)

Article 19

Voted to petition the General Court for a Special Act to read as follows:

Citizens Petition

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE TOWN CLERK IN THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown shall be elected for a term not to exceed three (3) years, and the person so elected shall have all the powers and duties by law vested in the office of the Town Clerk. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled in the manner prescribed by Massachusetts General Law.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, the incumbent in the office of Town Clerk upon the effective date of this act shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was appointed and the election and qualification of a successor town clerk or until said individual otherwise vacates such office.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Hand count: Yes-106; No-60)

Article 20

Voted to set the salaries of the Board of Selectmen at \$200.00 per month for each member and an additional \$50.00 per month for the Chairman of the Board.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 21

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Belchertown Wetlands Regulations to conform strictly to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and be enforced according to A Guide to Understanding and Administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act by Elizabeth A. Colburn, Ph.D., Editor, published by the Massachusetts Audubon Society, or take any other action relative thereto

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous No Action)

Article 22

Voted to accept and approve the codification of the By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown in the format presented by General Code Publishers which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, said codification contained in a renumbering, recaptioning and repositioning of the present by-laws. Such codification of the by-laws shall be known as the Code of the Town of Belchertown.

The codification of the by-laws incorporates the following revisions:

Update all references to the "Treasurer" and "Collector" throughout the Code, to read "Treasurer-Collector."

In Chapter 1, General Provisions, §1-2, Non-Criminal Disposition: Reorganize the schedule of fines to reflect the chapter titles and numbers used in the Code.

Chapter 10, Alcoholic Beverages: In §10-1, an obsolete reference to the "Board of License Commissioners" has been revised to "Board of Selectmen, the local licensing authority."

Chapter 15, Animals, Article 1, Dog Control:

- 1) References to "Selectboard" have been revised to "Board of Selectmen."
- 2) In § 15-4A, the first sentence to be revised bringing this section into conformance with the Non-Criminal Disposition By-Law, Chapter 1, §1-2 of the Code, changing as follows: Delete the word "four (4)" and replace with the word "five (5)." Delete the words "may choose to" and replace with the word "shall." The corrected sentence shall read: "Any owner with five or more dogs over the age of six months shall obtain a kennel license."

Chapter 85, Officers and Employees, Article 1, Elected Officers:

- 1) Change Section 85-1A pursuant to the 1993 State Act providing for the appointment of the Town Clerk: Delete "A Town Clerk shall be elected for a one-year term" and replace with "The Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown shall be appointed for a term not to exceed three years by the Board of Selectmen, and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties by law vested in the office of Town Clerk. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired portion of the term."
- 2) Change Section 85-2A pursuant to the 1993 State Act providing for the consolidation of the offices of Treasurer and Collector and for appointment of the Treasurer-Collector: Delete "A Town Treasurer shall be elected for a three-year term" and replace with "the Treasurer-Collector shall be appointed for a term not to exceed three years by the Board of Selectmen, and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties by law vested in the individual offices of Treasurer and Collector. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired portion of the term."

Chapter 109, Solid Waste, Article I, Recycling: Delete the word "anti-freeze" from the definition of HDPE plastic jugs in § 109-2.

Chapter 139, Wetlands Protection:

- 1) To bring this section into conformance with the Wetlands Regulations, Chapter 290 of the Code change §139-2A (2) by deleting the words "any surface or intermittent stream or headwaters to a stream" and replacing them with "any perennial or intermittent stream."
- 2) To bring this section into conformance with the Wetlands Regulations, Chapter 290 of the Code, in the definition of "alter" in §139-9, add Subsection J to read as follows: "Excavation for the purpose of percolation or deep hole testing or the crossing of a resource area with heavy equipment for this purpose."
- 3) To bring this section into conformance with the Wetlands Regulations, Chapter 290 of the Code, in §139-11D delete "up to \$200 for each offense" to read "\$50 for a first offense and \$100 for a second offense or failure to recognize a ticket."

Chapter 145, Zoning.

- 1) In the Schedule of Uses, Industrial Uses, No. 8, Hazardous Waste Facility, correct the statutory reference from "MGL c. 21D, Sec. 5.2" to "MGL c. 21C §2."
- 2) In the Schedule of Uses, Note 7, delete the words "as defined in S. 1.1." which follow the word "vehicle."
- 3) In the Table of Dimensional Regulations, Note G: Delete "No more than twenty (20%) percent of the principal structures shall be two-dwelling units."
- 4) Delete Section 12.08 regarding fines, as this information is contained in Section 12.09.
- 5) To bring this section into conformance with the Non-criminal Disposition By-law, Chapter 1, §1-2 of the Code delete the words in §145-67J "not more than" prior to "\$100 for each offense."
- 6) Revise Section 145-71 by deleting the word "validity" and replacing it with the word "invalidity." The corrected sentence reads as follows: "The invalidity of any section of this chapter shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof."

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23

Voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, allowing an increase to the maximum asset requirement under this clause.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 24

Voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37A, increasing the amount of this exemption from \$437.50 to \$500.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25

Voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22E, which reduces the residency requirement for eligibility for the veteran's property tax exemption under Massachusetts General Law.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26

On the article - To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Assessors of the Town of Belchertown to immediately amend the provision of residency requirements from living in Massachusetts more than 5 years prior to filing, to living in Massachusetts not less than one year prior to filing for the purpose of percentage tax exemption for disabled veterans, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous No Action)

Article 27

Voted to amend the "Agreement Between the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts, with respect to the establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District" ("The Agreement"), as previously amended, as follows:

I. Preamble.

- (a) The first paragraph of the Preamble to the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Agreement among the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District."

- (b) The second paragraph of the Preamble of the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, among the Towns of BELCHERTOWN, GRANBY, HARDWICK, MONSON, NEW BRAINTREE, PALMER and WARE, Massachusetts. In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:"

I. Additional Committee Member from Hardwick.

Section I of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end of new section (J) as follows:

(J) Admission of Hardwick.

- (a) Within ten days following the approval of an amendment to the Agreement providing for the admission of the Town of Hardwick into the

District, the Moderator of the Town of Hardwick shall appoint one member to serve on the Committee, whose term shall expire at the next biennial District election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of 4 years.

II. Apportionment of Operating Costs to the Town of Hardwick.

Section IV of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection IV(H) the following new paragraph:

"The terms of this Section shall apply to the Town of Hardwick except that the Town of Hardwick shall not be assessed an annual surcharge for the partial reimbursement of the original member towns for their payment of capital costs on account of the original regional District school building."

III. Effective Date

This Amendment No. 12 to the Agreement shall take effect upon its acceptance by each of the member towns, in accordance with the terms of Section VII of the Agreement.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 28

Voted to rename a right of way so called Walnut Street, described below, to Cottage Street:

Description of Walnut Street as found on the ground by occupancy, deeds, and recorded plans.

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of land of Cheryl A. Pinkham, et als and on the southerly side of Cottage Street.

Thence S1° - 32' - 50" W, 178.88 feet along land of Pinkham, et als to a point at the southwesterly corner of land of Pinkham, et als and on the northerly side of East Walnut Street,

Thence turning and running S83° - 42' - 30" W 29.66 feet along the northerly side of Walnut Street to a point at the southeasterly corner of land of Michael S. Mathras, et als,

Thence turning and running N17° - 06' - 40"E 16.01 feet along land of Mathras, et als to a point,

Thence turning and running N2° - 57'E 84.00 feet along land of Mathras, et als to an iron rod at the southeasterly corner of land of Walter E. Bak,

Thence turning and running N8° - 12' 55" W 87.50 feet along land of Bak to a point on the southerly side of Cottage Street,

Thence turning and running S84° - 21' - 50"E 37.97 feet along the southerly side of Cottage Street to the point of beginning.

Containing 4,955 +/- square feet.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 29

Voted to allow the lease of town-owned property at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen for a period of 5, 10 or more years, not to exceed 25 years.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, an amendment failed which would have added the following phrases and sentence after the words "town-owned property" -

not intended or purchased for recreational or school use, for a period of 5 years at the discretion of the Bd. of Selectmen. All Town-owned properties to be considered for leasing are to meet the current zoning regulations with no exemptions or variances to be granted.)

Article 30

Voted pursuant to M.G.L., as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, to reauthorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of a Senior Center Transportation program, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the transportation program and shall be under the control of the Director of the Senior Center, such expenditures not to exceed to \$10,000:00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 31

Voted pursuant to M.G.L., as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, to reauthorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of maintenance of the building and grounds housing the Day Care Center, which fund shall be credited with receipts from rental of said building and shall be under the control of the Director of Public Works, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 32

Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under SECTION 6. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; SUBSECTION 3 - VACATION:

- Renumber paragraphs D), E), F), G) to E), F), G), H).
- Add a new paragraph D) as follows:

More than twenty (20) years completed service as of the employee's anniversary date, add one (1) day per year over twenty (20) years to a maximum of twenty-five (25) days at twenty-five (25) years.

Under SECTION 8. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION:

Adjust Paragraph G) "Pegged" Rate Schedule Hourly as follows:

• Secretary to Police Chief/Dispatch Supervisor	\$16.9786
• Assessors Department Assistant II	\$14.5559
• Maintenance Worker	\$14.5559
• Senior Communications Dispatcher	\$13.9922
• Communications Dispatcher	\$13.4755
• Assistant Town Treasurer	\$13.4755
• Assistant Town Collector	\$13.4755
• Assistant Town Clerk	\$13.4755
• Special Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer	\$14.9656
• Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer	\$14.9656
• Motor Equipment Maintenance Man/Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	\$14.9656
• Medium Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	\$14.017
• Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	\$12.5367

Adjust Paragraph H) "Fire Service (Hourly) as follows:

• Firefighter (Full-Time Fire Suppression)	\$11.0794
• Firefighter (Fire Inspection)	\$13.8493

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION- COMPENSATION PLAN, 1) MANAGEMENT/ PROFESSIONAL:

Adjust ranges to read as follows:

• Director of Public Works	\$43,032 - \$53,789
• Town Planner	\$35,595 - \$45,765
• Fire Chief	\$33,619 - \$44,377
• Town Accountant	\$33,619 - \$44,377

• Town Treasurer-Collector*	\$33,619 - \$44,377
• Director of Computing	\$33,619 - \$44,377
• Building Inspector	\$29,585 - \$40,342
• Library Director	\$29,585 - \$40,342
• Assistant (Principal) Assessor	\$29,585 - \$40,342
• Senior Center Director	\$23,668 - \$34,425
• Recreation Director	\$23,668 - \$34,425
• Town Clerk**	\$22,592 - \$33,349

*Filled at 2/3 Time; ** Filled at 1/3 Time.

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN, 3) FULL-TIME NON-EXEMPT:

Insert the following Positions:

- Junior Nutrition Aide, Level 2
- Social Services Aide, Level 3
- Food Service Administrator, Level 5
- Assistant Building Inspector, Level 6
- Administrative Assistant – Council on Aging, Level 6
- Teen Center Coordinator, Level 6

And,

Remove the following Positions:

- Cook, Level 4 position
- Senior Center Services Assistant, Level 6 position

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN, 4) PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE:

Insert the following Positions:

- Dog Pound Keeper: \$3.00 per dog/per day

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN, 5) PART-TIME HOURLY SCHEDULE:

Remove the following Positions:

- Conservation Assistant
- Clerk/Typist

And,

Add:

- Computer/Printer Technician: \$7.00-\$10.00/hour
- Gym Monitor: \$5.25-\$6.00/hour

Adjust ranges as follows:

- Secretary/Assistant to Zoning Board of Appeals: \$5.91-\$8.00/hour
- Election Works: \$5.25-\$8.50/hour
- Parks and Recreation Seasonal Employee: \$5.25-\$8.71/hour
- Swim Team Coach (Seasonal): \$10.00/hour
- Swim Team Assistant Coach (Seasonal): \$8.00/hour
- Public Works/Maintenance Seasonal Employee: \$5.25-\$7.27/hour
- Recording Secretary: \$5.25-\$10.46/hour

Under APPENDIX B: WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES:

Adjust compensation chart to read as follows:

WEEKLY

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8
1	277.01	286.71	296.74	307.12	317.87	329.00	340.52	352.43
2	318.56	329.70	341.26	353.20	365.56	378.35	396.02	405.30
3	366.35	379.17	392.43	406.18	420.39	435.11	450.33	466.10
4	393.82	407.61	421.88	436.64	451.92	467.74	484.11	501.06
5	423.36	438.18	453.52	469.39	485.82	502.83	520.42	538.64
6	455.11	471.04	487.53	504.59	522.26	540.53	559.45	579.04
7	486.98	504.02	521.66	539.92	558.82	578.38	598.62	619.57
8	521.06	539.30	558.17	577.71	597.93	618.86	640.52	662.94
9	557.54	577.05	597.25	618.15	639.79	662.17	685.36	709.34
10	596.57	617.44	639.06	661.42	684.57	708.54	733.33	759.00
11	638.33	660.66	683.79	707.73	732.49	758.14	784.66	812.13

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 33

Voted as authorized by the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 9, to enact the following by-law:

"Town Meetings may be held outside the geographic limits of the Town, provided, however, that any meeting for the election by ballot of federal, state or other officers or the determination of other matters that are to be determined by ballot at an election shall be held within the geographic limits of the Town."

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 34

Voted to amend its Non-Criminal Disposition By-Law, as previously amended, by adding the following language to the schedule included therein:

REGULATIONS REGARDING SMOKING AND ACCESS TO TOBACCO

Chapter 261

(Adopted by the Board of Health pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 111 §31, effective 8-1-97)

Section 261-10.A: Smoking in a smoke-free area:

Fine Allowed: \$100.00

Enforcement Agent:

Board of Health
Board of Health Members
Director of Health
Tobacco Control Coordinator
Law Enforcement Agents (Police
Officers and Enforcement Agents
designated by the Board of Health)

Fine Schedule:

First Offense: Written notice of penalties
Levied for future violations.

Second Offense: \$50.00

Third Offense and each Subsequent Offense: \$100.00

Section 261-10.B: Failure of proprietor(s) or other person(s) in charge of a public place or work place to comply with smoking and access to smoking regulations:

Fine Allowed: \$200.00

Enforcement Agent:

Board of Health
Board of Health Members
Director of Health
Tobacco Control Coordinator
Law Enforcement Agents (Police
Officers and Enforcement Agents
designated by the Board of Health)

Fine Schedule:

First Offense: Written notice of penalties Levied for future violations.

Second Offense and each Subsequent Offense: \$200.00

Section 261-10.C: Tobacco Retail Permit Violations:

Fine Allowed: \$200.00

Enforcement Agent:

Board of Health
Board of Health Members
Director of Health
Tobacco Control Coordinator
Law Enforcement Agents (Police
Officers and Enforcement Agents
designated by the Board of Health)

Fine Schedule: First Offense within a Written notice of penalties twelve-month period: levied for future violations, including, where applicable, permit revocation.

Second Offense and Subsequent Offenses within a twelve-month period: \$200.00

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Hand Count: Yes-92; No-87)

Meeting dissolved at 9:58 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN**

FY99

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 11 & 12, 1998

Article #	Budget or Department	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
1-3	None	---	---	---	---	---	---
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel-resolving court tax cases	100.00	---	---	---	---	100.00
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	---	---	---	---	30,000.00
6	None	---	---	---	---	---	---
7	From Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Account	1,100.00	---	---	1,100.00	---	---
8	None	---	---	---	---	---	---
9	To EDIC to continue work	50,000.00	50,000.00	---	---	---	---
10	Sundry Items (10) See Annual Town Meeting Minutes for breakdown	129,780.00	129,780.00	---	---	---	---
11	Itemized Budgets						
	General Government	921,887.00					
	1. Moderator	---	25.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	0.00	---	---	---	---
	2. Board of Selectmen	---	6,300.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	3,000.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	11,429.00	---	---	---	---
	3. Town Administrator	---	59,116.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	6,950.00	---	---	---	---
	4. Town Accountant/Administrative Secretary	---					
	Salary	---	45,513.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	108,481.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	19,750.00	---	---	---	---
	5. Town Clerk	---	14,746.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	36,911.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	4,790.00	---	---	---	---
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector	---	29,936.00	---	---	---	---
	Salary	---	100,712.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	39,480.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	43,532.00	---	---	---	---
	7. MIS Director	---	22,166.00	---	---	---	---
	Salary	---	26,735.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---					
	Expenses	---					

<u>Article #</u>	<u>Budget or Department</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>From Tax Levy</u>	<u>From</u> <u>Stabilization</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>From Other</u> <u>Available</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>From</u> <u>Borrowing</u>	<u>From Free</u> <u>Cash</u>
8.	Board of Assessors	Assessors (Board) Assessors (Salary) Wages Expenses Field Review Update	3,200.00 38,863.00 114,153.00 20,200.00 0.00	---	---	---	---
9.	Law Account, Fees	Wages	81,300.00	---	---	---	---
10.	Finance Committee	Expenses	527.00	---	---	---	---
11.	Election & Registration	Salary Wages Expenses	400.00 8,500.00 4,750.00	---	---	---	---
12.	Planning Board	Salary Wages Expenses	39,899.00 17,200.00 5,685.00	---	---	---	---
13.	Board of Appeals	Wages Expenses	3,888.00 500.00	---	---	---	---
14.	EDIC	Expenses	2,500.00	---	---	---	---
15.	Rail Trail Committee	Expenses	0.00	---	---	---	---
16.	Cable Access TV Operator	Expenses	750.00	---	---	---	---
Public Safety		(Total)	1,471,538.00	---	---	---	---
17.	Police Department	Salary Wages Expenses	55,300.00 875,027.00 134,361.00	---	---	---	---
18.	Ambulance Service	Wages Expenses	70,610.00 12,736.00	---	---	---	---
19.	Fire Department	Salary (Chief) Full-time Firefighter Wages Expenses	43,790.00 31,960.00 57,240.00 53,675.00	---	---	---	---
20.	Hydrant Service	Expenses	18,415.00	---	---	---	---
21.	Dog Officer	Salary - Dog Officer Salary - Asst. Dog Officer Wages Expenses	1,200.00 600.00 10,344.00 5,942.00	---	---	---	---
22.	Inspection Services	Salary Wages Expenses	36,272.00 51,048.00 11,348.00	---	---	---	---

Article #	Budget or Department	Total	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
23.	Civil Defense Wages Expenses	---	350.00	---	---	---	---
	Town School Department (Total)	13,447,327.00	1,320.00	---	---	---	---
24.	Administration Instruction	---	409,140.00	---	---	---	---
	Other School Services	---	8,679,042.00	---	---	---	---
	Operation & Maintenance	---	1,164,578.00	---	---	---	---
	Insurance Programs	---	1,415,454.00	---	---	---	---
	Fixed Assets	---	1,044,000.00	---	---	---	---
	Programs with Other Schools	---	3,500.00	---	---	---	---
	Regional School Department, Pathfinder Regional (Total)	551,347.00	731,613.00	---	---	---	---
25.	Pathfinder	---	551,347.00	---	---	---	---
	DPW - Highways (Total)	684,855.00	---	---	---	---	---
26.	DPW - Highways, Personnel	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Salary	---	46,378.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	318,452.00	---	---	---	---
	Uniforms	---	3,500.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	750.00	---	---	---	---
27.	DPW - Snow Removal, Expenses	---	95,050.00	---	---	---	---
28.	DPW - Road Machinery, Expenses	---	55,700.00	---	---	---	---
29.	DPW - Construction Materials, Expenses	---	0.00	---	---	---	---
30.	DPW - Hired Services, Expenses	---	48,300.00	---	---	---	---
31.	DPW - Street Lighting, Expenses	---	30,000.00	---	---	---	---
32.	DPW - Streets, Expenses	---	64,800.00	---	---	---	---
33.	DPW - Professional Engineering, Expenses	---	10,500.00	---	---	---	---
34.	DPW - Town Garage, Expenses	---	11,425.00	---	---	---	---
	Landfill Enterprise Fund (Total)	202,363.00	---	---	---	---	---
35.	Landfill Enterprise Wages Expenses	---	60,238.00	---	---	---	---
		---	30,125.00	---	100,000.00 (Landfill rcfs)	---	---
	Hazardous Waste Day	---	12,000.00	---	---	---	---
	Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	489,384.00	---	---	---	---	---
36.	Sewer Enterprise Fund Salary Wages Expenses	---	0.00	---	---	---	---
		---	29,844.00	---	68,738.00 (Sewer rcfs)	---	---
		---	0.00	---	131,262.00 (Sewer rcfs)	---	---
	Maturing Debt	---	215,384.00	---	---	---	---
	Maturing Debt Interest	---	44,156.00	---	---	---	---

Article #	Budget or Department	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
	Conservation Commission (Total)	37,458.00					
37.	Conservation Wages	---	34,758.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	700.00	---	2,000.00	---	---
					(Wetlands Hearing Fees)		
	Historical Commission/District (Total)	848.00					
38.	Historical Commission Expenses	---	500.00	---	---	---	---
39.	Historic District Expenses	---	348.00	---	---	---	---
	Human Services Departments (Total)	285,865.00					
40.	Board of Health Salary	---	2,825.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	7,940.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	14,875.00	---	---	---	---
41.	Council on Aging Salary	---	34,093.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	133,408.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	29,525.00	---	---	---	---
42.	Veterans' Services Agent-Salary	---	5,200.00	---	---	---	---
	Agent-Expenses	---	600.00	---	---	---	---
	Veterans' Benefits	---	27,200.00	---	---	---	---
43.	Veterans' Graves Expenses	---	1,025.00	---	---	---	---
44.	Cemetery Commissioners Salary	---	0.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	12,000.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	16,974.00	---	---	---	---
45.	Mobile Home/Rent Control Board	---					
	Wages	---	0.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	200.00	---	---	---	---
	Culture & Recreation Departments (Total)	385,376.00					
46.	Clapp Memorial Library Salary	---	39,337.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	95,662.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	46,838.00	---	---	---	---
47.	Parks & Recreation Salary	---	34,922.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	61,548.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	16,156.00	---	---	---	---
48.	Parks & Recreation (Pool) Offset Rcts, Wages & Expenses	---	22,384.00	---	45,000.00 (Offset rcts)	---	---
49.	Parks & Recreation Town Beach, Wages & Expenses	---	18,245.00	---	---	---	---
50.	Old Town Hall Expenses	---	5,284.00	---	---	---	---

Article #	Budget or Department	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
	DPW - Buildings & Grounds (Total)	229,244.00					
51.	DPW-Maint/Grndskeeper Salary	---	0.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	162,982.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	22,400.00	---	---	---	---
52.	DPW-Lawrence Mem. Hall	---	822.00	---	---	---	---
	Wages	---	27,590.00	---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	1,350.00	---	---	---	---
53.	DPW-Town Common	---	600.00	---	---	---	---
54.	DPW-Town Clock	---	9,350.00	---	---	---	---
55.	DPW-Police Station	---	4,150.00	---	---	---	---
56.	DPW-Finnerty House	---		---	---	---	---
	Pensions & Insurance (Total)	1,148,617.00					
57.	General Insurance	---	192,170.00	---	---	---	---
58.	Unemployment Insurance	---	10,000.00	---	---	---	---
59.	Workers Compensation Insurance	---		---	---	---	---
	Expenses	---	36,203.00	---	---	---	---
60.	Health Insurance	---	311,800.00	---	---	---	---
61.	Group Life Insurance	---	1,500.00	---	---	---	---
62.	FICA-Medicare Town Share	---	33,500.00	---	---	---	---
63.	Pensions	---	563,444.00	---	---	---	---
	Unclassified Accounts (Total)	45,600.00					
64.	Patriotic Exercises	---		---	---	---	300.00
65.	Printing Annual Town Reports	---		---	---	---	4,000.00
66.	Unclassified Account	---		---	---	---	41,300.00
	Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	1,753,633.00					
67.	Interest	---	551,825.00	---	---	---	100,808.00
68.	Maturing Debt	---	1,101,000.00	---	---	---	---
12	For High School Building Committee to hire architect and purchase land	581,225.00	---	450,000.00	---	---	131,225.00
13-34	None						
	Grand Totals	22,447,547.00	21,341,714.00	450,000.00	348,100.00	---	307,733.00

Attest: William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION – MAY 18, 1998

*Denotes elected

OFFICE	NAME	PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Moderator	*Terry Scott Nagel	269	339	304	912
1 year	Jay Holtzman	126	119	136	381
	Sundry Write-ins	2	2	2	6
	Blanks	48	59	53	160
	Totals	445	519	495	1459
Selectmen	*Michael J. Reardon	229	271	272	772
3 years	*Steven D. Rose	314	299	356	969
	Herbert E. Squires	220	305	236	761
	Sundry Write-ins	0	3	2	5
	Blanks	127	160	124	411
	Totals	890	1038	990	2918
Selectmen – <u>Recount:</u>	<i>As a hand recount of the Selectmen's race held June 2, 1998, the results were tabulated as follows: (one ballot not originally accepted in Prec. C was also counted).</i>				
3 years	*Michael Reardon	228	273	274	775
	*Steve Rose	315	301	358	974
	Herbert Squires	222	305	238	765
	Sundry Write-ins	0	3	2	5
	Blanks	123	156	122	401
	Totals	888	1038	994	2920
School Committee	*Kathleen M. Beresky	308	395	355	1058
3 years	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	3	5
	Blanks	136	123	137	396
	Totals	445	519	495	1459
Planning Board	*James A. Barry	199	280	215	694
5 years	Thomas E. Cooke	81	117	123	321
	James J. Natle	76	48	56	180
	Daniel G. Scruton	32	35	50	117
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	1
	Blanks	57	38	51	146
	Totals	445	519	495	1459
Board of Assessors	*Samuel J. Joyal	311	404	376	1091
3 years	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	2	4
	Blanks	133	114	117	364
	Totals	445	519	495	1459
Housing Authority	*Kenneth Nolan (Write-in)	7	3	12	22
5 years	James Barry (Write-in)	3	4	2	9
	Michael Caney (Write-in)	2	0	0	2
	Harvey Dickinson (Write-in)	0	2	0	2
	Sally Dodge (Write-in)	0	2	4	6
	Herb Squires (Write-in)	0	2	0	2
	Pat Antonovitch (Write-in)	0	2	0	2
	Sundry Write-ins	7	6	14	27
	Blanks	426	498	463	1387
	Totals	445	519	495	1459

Housing Authority	*Sally Dodge (Write-in)	0	5	1	6
1 year	James Barry (Write-in)	2	0	0	2
	Robert Beauchamp (Write-in)	2	0	0	2
	Sundry Write-ins	6	4	12	22
	Blanks	435	510	482	1427
	Totals	445	519	495	1459

Board of Health	*Robert P. Bishop	258	279	285	822
3 years	*Gail L. Gramarossa	217	236	236	689
	Kenneth D. Nolan	132	188	164	484
	Sundry Write-ins	1	3	1	5
	Blanks	282	332	304	918
	Totals	890	1038	990	2918

Votes cast on May 18, 1998: 18.9% voted 445 519 495 1459

Registered voters at Belchertown:	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	779	751	623	2153
Republican	322	370	413	1105
Un-enrolled	1429	1529	1487	4445
Others	11	5	11	27
	2541	2655	2534	7730

Attest:

William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

OFFICE	NAME	DEMOCRAT			
		PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Governor (Vote for one)	Brian J. Donnelly	14	16	6	36
	Scott Harshbarger	71	97	76	244
	Patricia McGovern	46	67	39	152
	Paul Cellucci (Write-in)	3	1	1	5
	Blanks	3	5	1	9
	Total	137	186	123	446
Lieutenant Governor (Vote for one)	Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	60	80	42	182
	Warren E. Tolman	56	84	59	199
	Jane Swift (Write-in)	2	1	1	4
	Blanks	19	21	21	61
	Total	137	186	123	446
Attorney General (Vote for one)	Lois G. Pines	80	99	58	237
	Thomas F. Reilly	44	79	61	184
	Blanks	13	8	4	25
	Total	137	186	123	446
Secretary of State (Vote for one)	William Francis Gavin	89	145	92	326
	Blanks	48	41	31	120
	Total	137	186	123	446
Treasurer (Vote for one)	Shannon P. O'Brien	103	153	99	355
	Joe Malone (Write-in)	0	1	0	1
	Blanks	34	32	24	90
	Total	137	186	123	446
Auditor (Vote for one)	A. Joseph DeNucci	87	142	90	319
	Blanks	50	44	33	127
	Total	137	186	123	446
Rep. In Congress (1 st District) (Vote for one)	John W. Olver	119	154	104	377
	R. Barry (Write-in)	0	2	0	2
	Blanks	18	30	19	67
	Total	137	186	123	446
Councillor (7 th District) (Vote for one)	Louis P. Bertonazzi	39	32	38	109
	Dennis P. McManus	39	105	43	187
	Blanks	59	49	42	150
	Total	137	186	123	446
Senator in General Court (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Franklin District (Vote for one)	Stephen M. Brewer	101	158	97	356
	Blanks	36	28	26	90
	Total	137	186	123	446

OFFICE	NAME	PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Rep. in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	Patrick F. Landers III	0	159	0	159
(Vote for one)	Barry (Write-in)	0	1	0	1
Rep. in General Court (7 th Hampden District)	Thomas M. Petrolati	97	0	94	191
(Vote for one)	Blanks	40	26	29	95
	Total	137	186	123	446
District Attorney (Northwestern Dist.)	No Candidate	0	0	0	0
(Vote for one)	Eliz. Scheibel (Write-in)	1	0	0	1
	Sundry Write-ins	4	1	0	5
	Blanks	132	185	123	440
	Total	137	186	123	446
Sheriff (Hampshire County)	Robert J. Garvey	94	130	97	321
(Vote for one)	William E. Lynch III	22	42	18	82
	Blanks	21	14	8	43
	Total	137	186	123	446
REPUBLICAN					
Governor (Vote for one)	Argeo Paul Cellucci	39	56	52	147
	Joseph D. Malone	42	46	53	141
	Blanks	0	2	2	4
	Total	81	104	107	292
Lieutenant Governor (Vote for one)	Janet E. Jeghelian	23	35	38	96
	Jane Maria Swift	54	63	64	181
	Blanks	4	6	5	15
	Total	81	104	107	292
Attorney General (Vote for one)	Brad Bailey	64	76	74	214
	Write-ins	0	2	0	2
	Blanks	17	26	33	76
	Total	81	104	107	292
Secretary of State (Vote for one)	Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	58	77	70	205
	Blanks	23	27	37	87
	Total	81	104	107	292
Treasurer (Vote for one)	Robert A. Maginn	57	75	69	201
	Blanks	24	29	38	91
	Total	81	104	107	292
Auditor (Vote for one)	Michael T. Duffy	56	70	68	194
	Blanks	25	34	39	98
	Total	81	104	107	292
Representative in Congress (First District) (Vote for one)	Gregory L. Morgan	58	73	71	202
	Write-in	0	1	0	1
	Blanks	23	30	36	89
	Total	81	104	107	292

OFFICE	NAME	PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Councillor (Seventh District)	No Candidate	0	0	0	0
(Vote for one)	Sundry Write-ins	2	0	0	2
	Blanks	79	104	107	290
	Total	81	104	107	292
Senator in General Court (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin District (Vote for one)	No Candidate	0	0	0	0
	Write-in	0	0	1	1
	Blanks	81	104	106	291
	Total	81	104	107	292
Rep.in General Court (1 st Hampden District) (Vote for one)	Richard G. Barry	0	78	0	78
	P. Landers (Write-in)	0	2	0	2
(7 th Hampden District) (Vote for one)	No Candidate	0	0	0	0
	R. Barry (Write-in)	1	0	0	1
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	1	2
	Blanks	79	24	106	209
	Total	81	104	107	292
District Attorney (Northwestern District) (Vote for one)	Elizabeth D. Scheibel	61	72	74	207
	Blanks	20	32	33	85
	Total	81	104	107	292
Sheriff (Hampshire County) (Vote for one)	No Candidate	0	0	0	0
	R. Garvey (Write-in)	2	7	7	16
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	1	3
	Blanks	78	96	99	273
	Total	81	104	107	292

STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

REFORM

No candidates for any office; no votes in this party

Registered voters in Belchertown:	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	769	757	635	2161
Republican	327	374	417	1118
Reform	3	1	1	5
Un-enrolled	1453	1537	1503	4493
Miscellaneous	9	3	10	22
	2561	2672	2566	7799

Voted September 15, 1998:	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	137	186	123	446
Republican	81	104	107	292
	218	290	230	738

9.4628% voted

Attest:

William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 1998
Polls opened in all Precincts (A, B, & C) at 7:00 a.m.
and closed at 8:00 p.m.

OFFICE	NAME		PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote for one)	Cellucci and Swift	Republican	498	620	613	1731
	Harshbarger and Tolman	Democratic	652	661	586	1899
	Cook and Israel	Libertarian	21	30	17	68
	Sundry Write-ins		0	2	2	4
	Blanks		6	23	19	48
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Attorney General (Vote for one)	Brad Bailey	Republican	376	473	442	1291
	Thomas Reilly	Democratic	730	776	719	2225
	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	1	3
	Blanks		69	87	75	231
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Secretary of State (Vote for one)	William Francis Gavin	Democratic	741	847	790	2378
	Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	Republican	293	357	308	958
	David L. Atkinson	Libertarian	63	33	59	155
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	1	1
	Blanks		80	99	79	258
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Treasurer (Vote for one)	Bob Maginn	Republican	293	344	336	973
	Shannon P. O'Brien	Democratic	794	887	798	2479
	Merton B. Baker	Libertarian	47	46	57	150
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	1	1
	Blanks		43	59	45	147
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Auditor (Vote for one)	A. Joseph DeNucci	Democratic	715	821	716	2252
	Michael T. Duffy	Republican	291	357	344	992
	Carla A. Howell	Libertarian	67	61	85	213
	Blanks		104	97	92	293
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Representative in Congress (First District) (Vote for one)	John W. Olver	Democratic	862	961	877	2700
	Gregory L. Morgan	Republican	291	334	333	958
	Sundry Write-ins		4	0	1	5
	Blanks		20	41	26	87
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Councillor (Seventh District) (Vote for one)	Dennis P. McManus	Democratic	773	932	817	2522
	Sundry Write-ins		6	6	3	15
	Blanks		398	398	417	1213
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750

OFFICE	NAME		PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Senator in General Court (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Franklin District) (Vote for one)	Stephen M. Brewer	Democratic	856	1032	902	2790
	Sundry Write-ins		9	6	3	18
	Blanks		312	298	332	942
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Representative in General Court (Vote for one from each District)	Patrick F. Landers III	1 st Hampden Dist. Democ	0	847	0	847
	Richard G. Barry	1 st Hampden Dist. Repub	0	453	0	453
	Thomas M. Petrolati	7 th Hampden Dist. Democ	830	0	886	1716
	Sundry Write-ins		3	0	5	8
	Blanks		344	36	346	726
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
District Attorney (Northwestern Dist.) (Vote for one)	Elizabeth D. Scheibel	Republican	743	916	812	2471
	Sundry Write-ins		5	6	6	17
	Blanks		429	414	419	1262
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Sheriff (Hamp. Cty.) (Vote for one)	Robert J. Garvey	Democratic	848	1016	903	2767
	William Lynch (Write-in)		42	26	29	97
	Sundry Write-ins		0	2	5	7
	Blanks		287	292	300	879
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Pathfinder Reg. Voc. School Committee (4 Year) Belchertown (Vote for one)	Michael A. Roncolato		770	984	833	2587
	Sundry Write-ins		1	3	0	4
	Blanks		406	349	404	1159
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Pathfinder Reg. Voc. School Committee (4 Year) Palmer (Vote for one)	Michael J. Cavanaugh		681	894	764	2339
	Sundry Write-ins		1	5	2	8
	Blanks		495	437	471	1403
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Pathfinder Reg. Voc. School Committee (4 Year) Ware (Vote for one)	Marie Barbara Ray		656	817	725	2198
	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	1	2
	Blanks		520	519	511	1550
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Pathfinder Reg. Voc. School Committee (4 Year) Hardwick (Vote for one)	No Candidate		0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		4	0	4	8
	Blanks		1173	1336	1233	3742
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750
Question #1 (Proposed Amendment to the Constitution) (Re: Method for setting legislators' base pay)	Yes		843	942	900	2685
	No		251	285	235	771
	Blanks		83	109	102	294
	Total		1177	1336	1237	3750

		PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL	
Question #2	(Law proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: public financing of campaigns)	Yes	813	854	806	2473
		No	283	360	327	970
		Blanks	81	122	104	307
		Total	1177	1336	1237	3750
Question #3	(Law proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: State tax rate for interest & Dividend income)	Yes	809	950	905	2664
		No	281	249	221	751
		Blanks	87	137	111	335
		Total	1177	1336	1237	3750
Question #4	(Referendum on an Existing Law) (Re: Electric utility industry restructuring)	Yes	830	973	850	2653
		No	282	297	318	897
		Blanks	65	66	69	200
		Total	1177	1336	1237	3750
Question #5	(Re: Establish “Hampshire Council of Governments”)	Yes	727	832	748	2307
		No	248	281	259	788
		Blanks	202	223	230	655
		Total	1177	1336	1237	3750
Number of ballots cast November 3, 1998 (47% voted)		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total	
		1177	1336	1237	3750	
Registered voters as of October 14, 1998 for State Election November 3, 1998	Democrat	800	768	661	2229	
	Republican	343	380	424	1147	
	Reform	5	1	2	8	
	Unenrolled	1504	1572	1534	4610	
	Misc.	9	3	10	22	
		2661	2724	2631	8016	

Attest:
William R. Barnett,
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

**Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held
December 7, 1998 at Belchertown High School
FY99**

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagle

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Registered voters present – 379 (Quorum required – 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

The first order of business was to confer special recognition upon seven individuals for extra-ordinary action during a shooting incident on Jensen Rd the evening of August 18, 1998. Officer Edward Oey was given an award and was singled out for his heroic action under fire. In addition, plaques were given to four assisting officers – Lt. William Zobka, Bruce Jenks, Winthrop Kellogg, and Kevin Truehart; as well as two citizens – Thomas Fuller and Patricia Fuller.

Article 1

Voted to appropriate from the Dog Officer Expense Account the sum of \$632.00 to the Dog Officer Wage Account.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 2

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$6,000.00 to the Assessors Expense Account and \$15,800.00 to the Computer Director Expense Account, for a total appropriation of \$21,800.00.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 3

On the article – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Library Expense Account, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote – Unanimous No Action)

Article 4

Voted to accept and approve the codification of the by-laws of the Town of Belchertown in the format presented by General Code Publishers Corp., which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, said codification contained in a renumbering, recaptioning and repositioning of the present by-laws. Such codification of the by-laws shall be known as the Code of the Town of Belchertown.

The codification of the by-laws incorporates the following revisions:

Update all references to the “Treasurer” and “Collector” throughout the Code, to read “Treasurer-Collector.”

In Chapter 1, General Provisions, §1-2, Non-Criminal Disposition: Reorganize the schedule of fines to reflect the chapter titles and numbers used in the Code.

Chapter 10, Alcoholic Beverages: In §10-1, an obsolete reference to the “Board of License Commissioners” has been revised to “Board of Selectmen, the local licensing authority.”

Chapter 15, Animals, Article 1, Dog Control:

- 1) References to “Selectboard” have been revised to “Board of Selectmen.”
- 2) In § 15-4A, the first sentence to be revised bringing this section into conformance with the Non-Criminal Disposition By-Law, Chapter 1, §1-2 of the Code, changing as follows: Delete the word “four (4)” and replace with the word “five (5).” Delete the words “may choose to” and replace with the word “shall.” The corrected sentence shall read: “Any owner with five or more dogs over the age of six months shall obtain a kennel license.”

Chapter 85, Officers and Employees, Article 1, Elected Officers:

- 1) Change Section 85-1A pursuant to the 1993 State Act providing for the appointment of the Town Clerk: Delete “A Town Clerk shall be elected for a one-year term” and replace with “The Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown shall be appointed for a term not to exceed three years by the Board of Selectmen, and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties by law vested in the office of Town Clerk. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.”
- 2) Change Section 85-2A pursuant to the 1993 State Act providing for the consolidation of the offices of Treasurer and Collector and for appointment of the Treasurer-Collector: Delete “A Town Treasurer shall be elected for a three-year term” and replace with “the Treasurer-Collector shall be appointed for a term not to exceed three years by the Board of Selectmen, and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties by law vested in the individual offices of Treasurer and Collector. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.”

Chapter 109, Solid Waste, Article I, Recycling: Delete the word “anti-freeze” from the definition of HDPE plastic jugs in § 109-2.

Chapter 139, Wetlands Protection:

- 1) To bring this section into conformance with the Wetlands Regulations, Chapter 290 of the Code change §139-2A (2) by deleting the words “any surface or intermittent stream or headwaters to a stream” and replacing them with “any perennial or intermittent stream.”
- 2) To bring this section into conformance with the Wetlands Regulations, Chapter 290 of the Code, in the definition of “alter” in §139-9, add Subsection J to read as follows: “Excavation for the purpose of percolation or deep hole testing or the crossing of a resource area with heavy equipment for this purpose.”
- 3) To bring this section into conformance with the Wetlands Regulations, Chapter 290 of the Code, in §139-11D delete “up to \$200 for each offense” to read “\$50 for a first offense and \$100 for a second offense or failure to recognize a ticket.”

Chapter 145, Zoning.

- 1) In the Schedule of Uses, Industrial Uses, No. 8, Hazardous Waste Facility, correct the statutory reference from “MGL c. 21D, Sec. 5.2” to “MGL c. 21C §2.”
- 2) In the Schedule of Uses, Note 7, delete the words “as defined in S. 1.1.” which follow the word “vehicle.”
- 3) In the Table of Dimensional Regulations, Note G: Delete “No more than twenty (20%) percent of the principal structures shall be two-dwelling units.”
- 4) Delete Section 12.08 regarding fines, as this information is contained in Section 12.09.
- 5) To bring this section into conformance with the Non-criminal Disposition By-law, Chapter 1, §1-2 of the Code delete the words in §145-67J “not more than” prior to “\$100 for each offense.”
- 6) Revise Section 145-71 by deleting the word “validity” and replacing it with the word “invalidity.” The corrected sentence reads as follows: “The invalidity of any section of this chapter shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.”

2/3's required (Vote-2/3's Majority Yes
Hand count not necessary in declared by voice vote)
accordance with town by-law

Article 5

Voted to appropriate from Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1997, under the provisions of Section 34(2) (a) of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of \$429,099.00 for improvements of local roads.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 6

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,773.00 to the Town Administrator Salary Account.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 7

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$6,300.00 to the Selectmen Salary Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$23,000.00 to resurface the gymnasium floor at the Chestnut Hill Community School.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown of a fee simple interest in the parcel described below, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine appropriate, for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of acquiring said parcel for the relocation and rehabilitation of the Old Fire Station, said parcel(s) of land being owned by Elizabeth L. Story, and described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of the highway leading from said Belchertown to Amherst in said Belchertown (North Main Street) bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Porter Bridgman;

EASTERLY by said highway;

SOUTHERLY and WESTERLY by land formerly of H.A. Hopkins, and the stone wall enclosing same; excepting however a right in the spring upon the granted premises heretofore granted to Jonathan Webber by Elijah M. Pepper.

Being the same premises conveyed to Elizabeth L. Story and Herbert Story by deed dated January 16, 1996 and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

And further voted to appropriate from the Fire Station Gift Account the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase the parcel of land.

2/3's required (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10

Voted to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the property known as 31 North Main Street, to be acquired by deed from Elizabeth L. Story, as provided by the vote under Article 9 of the December 7, 1998 Special Town Meeting to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance to the Belchertown Firefighters' Association, Inc., and to authorize said conveyance upon the recording of the above referenced deed from Elizabeth L. Story to the Town.

2/3's required (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11

Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Under Section 6. Employee Benefits; 2) Benefits; A) Sick Leave:

Add: 7) Sick Leave Bank:

1. Establishment of a Sick Leave Bank

- a) A Sick Leave Bank Committee will be established and composed of five (5) members:
 - One (1) Personnel Board member, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Personnel Board
 - One (1) Board of Selectmen member, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
 - Two (2) Personnel By-Law employees, not more than one (1) Department
 - Head, to be appointed by the Town Administrator
 - Town Accountant or his/her designee
- b) Upon the establishment of the Sick Leave Bank, employees wishing to participate shall agree to

donate three (3) sick leave days to the Bank within forty-five (45) days of its establishment.

2. Decisions of the Sick Bank Committee shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
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4. Request forms to use the Sick Bank may be obtained in the Town Administrator's office and should be submitted there. Responses will be sent through the Town Administrator's office to the employee involved, Personnel Board, Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant.
5. If a member of the Sick Leave Bank uses all of his/her sick time for just cause, and has exhausted all of his/her personal and vacation time, he/she may receive additional sick leave days from the Sick Leave Bank for legitimate reasons, as deemed by the Committee, until such time as he/she accrues more sick leave days of his/her own or exceeds the limits defined below.
 - a) Each permanent, benefited employee covered by the Personnel By-Law may become a member of the Sick Leave Bank by donating three (3) sick leave days to the Bank within forty-five (45) calendar days of his/her permanent, benefited employment under the Personnel By-Law (after 6 month probationary period.) Each member of the Sick Leave Bank will also agree to donate three (3) additional days at the beginning of each fiscal year thereafter, plus any days assessed by the Sick Leave Bank Committee. A member may cease membership with the Bank for a subsequent fiscal year by giving written notice to the Sick Leave Bank Committee and the Town Accountant by June 15th, prior to the beginning of that fiscal year.
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Article 14

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$79,368.27 for the following unpaid bill of a prior year:

- Hampshire Educational Collaborative \$79,368.27

9/10ths required (Vote-9/10's voice vote declared yes)
Hand Count requested: Yes-284, No-3

Article 15

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$17,000.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library Accessibility Project.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 16

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$940,800.00 for the purpose of paying costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police station and a new senior center, and that to meet this appropriation, (i) the sum of \$465,800.00 is hereby appropriated from free cash of the Town, (ii) the sum of \$141,000.00 is hereby transferred from the Swift River School Account and (iii) the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$334,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 Section 7(3), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

2/3's required (Vote - 2/3's Majority Yes Hand count not necessary in declared by voice vote) accordance with town by-law

Article 17

Voted to rescind its vote of the Special Town Meeting of May 14, 1988, to borrow \$1,021,407.00 for the George Hannum Road Interceptor.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 18

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 to provide additional funds for the construction of sewers on Springfield Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29C (through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust), Chapter 44, Section 7(1), Chapter 44, Section 8(15) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

2/3's required (Vote-2/3's Majority Yes Hand count not necessary in declared by voice vote) accordance with town bylaw

Article 19

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$500,000.00 to provide additional funds for the construction of sewers in Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative Corporation into the proposed force main in Springfield Road, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 29C of the General Laws, such bonds or notes to be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws (the "Trust") or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the DEP to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project; provided that no sums shall be raised or expended hereunder until the Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative or any other source shall have provided such security as the Selectmen shall approve to ensure reimbursement to the Town of all sums expended by the Town in connection with the project and its financing and the Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the Town a covenant or other instrument to ensure such reimbursement; and that the Board of Selectmen, as sewer commissioners, shall assess one hundred percent of the Town's costs for said system, including, without limitation, all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws and all other costs incidental and related thereto, upon those who benefit from said system, namely, the Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative Corporation, such assessment to be made by the uniform unit method, interest upon the apportionment of said assessment to be at a rate equal to two percent above the rate of interest chargeable to the Town for the borrowing authorized hereunder or at the lowest rate authorized by law, and further to authorize the Board of

Selectmen to petition the legislature for special legislation that will permit apportionment of said assessments at a rate of interest equal to the rate of interest chargeable to the Town for such borrowing, including the ability to charge zero interest if the Town is able to obtain a zero interest loan.

2/3's required (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

At this point in the meeting a motion passed by a majority yes vote to prevent reconsideration of the first nineteen articles.

Article 20

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain of a fee simple interest in all or a portion of the parcel(s) described below, upon such terms and conditions as said Board of Selectmen shall determine appropriate, for the purpose of constructing a new high school and related facilities, or for general municipal purposes, and identified as follows:

A certain parcel of land on Springfield Road in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, said parcel being know and designated as Parcel 131D as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, prepared for Francis P. Loftus, Jr. & Norman S. Loftus", by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., dated June 29, 1988, Sheet 1 of 2, and recorded in Hampshire county Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 155, Page 62. Said parcel contains approximately 47.256 acres. Being the same premises conveyed to Francis P. Loftus, Jr. and Bertha M. Loftus by deed dated August 3, 1988 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3226, Page 344.

Excepting and Excluding therefrom a certain lot or parcel of land on the westerly sideline of said Springfield Road, which lot or parcel is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly sideline of Springfield Road, which iron pin marks the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Harry J. Ritter and Laurie A. Ritter, thence running N.82° - 12' - 52" W., along land now or formerly of said Ritter three hundred sixty-nine and 76/100 (369.76) feet to an iron pin in a stone wall; thence turning and running N.6° - 19' - 03" E. along said stone wall one hundred forty (140) feet, more or less, to a point in said stone wall; thence turning and running easterly along the southerly boundary of the parcel to be conveyed to a point on the westerly sideline of

Springfield Road; thence turning and running southerly along the westerly sideline of Springfield Road one hundred forty (140) feet, more or less, to an iron pin, the point of beginning. This excepted and excluded lot or parcel is 51,764.4 square feet, more or less.

and to appropriate from the High School Architect and Land Acquisition Account the sum of \$390,000.00 to acquire the parcel of land as just described for the purpose of constructing a new high school and related facilities, or for general municipal purposes.

2/3's required (Vote – 2/3's Majority Yes Hand count not necessary in declared by voice vote)
accordance with town bylaw

Article 21

On the motion – To amend the official Zoning Map, as previously amended, as described in this Special Town Meeting Warrant (see entire text in warrant),

it failed by a majority no vote.

Article 22

On the article – To see if the Town will vote to ratify the Police Department Collective Bargaining contract and to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Police Department Wage Account to fund same, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote – Majority No Action)

Article 23

On the article – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Police Chief Salary Account, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote – Unanimous No Action)

Article 24

On the article – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote – Unanimous No Action)

Article 25

Voted the following CITIZEN PETITION:

RESOLVED, that the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown be amended as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any regulation of the Board of Health of Belchertown or of any governmental agency or authority of the Town of Belchertown to the contrary, any bar located in the Town of Belchertown shall not be subject to any restrictions with respect to smoking imposed by said Board of Health or any said governmental agency or authority, subject, however, to the obligations of any such bar to comply with any applicable smoking restrictions imposed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 270, Sec. 22 or any other applicable provisions of the Massachusetts statutes.

Section 2. The following words, whenever used herein, shall be construed as defined in this section:

A. "Bar" means an establishment which is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages.

B. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, weed, plant or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, any owner, operator, manager or other person who controls any bar in the Town of Belchertown may declare the whole or any part of said bar to be a non-smoking establishment.

(Vote - Majority Yes) (Count: Yes-185; No-109)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, the following took place:

1) The original motion - to resolve that the Belchertown Board of Health Regulations Affecting Smoking in Certain Places and Youth Access to Tobacco, effective as of August 1, 1997, be amended as follows: Section 5, entitled "Where Smoking is Not Regulated" be amended to include "Bars" as defined in section 2 of the said Regulations - was read, then immediately an amendment was offered (final text of Art. 25). After discussion, debate was cut off, followed by a vote on the amendment of Yes-182; No-106.

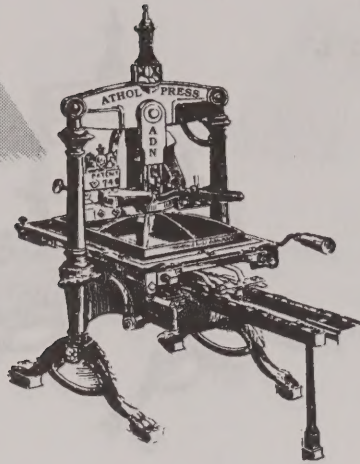
2) Further discussion - then debate again cut off by 2/3's voice vote.)

Meeting dissolved at 10:03 p.m.

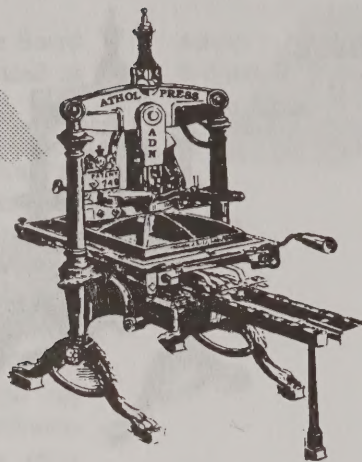
Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

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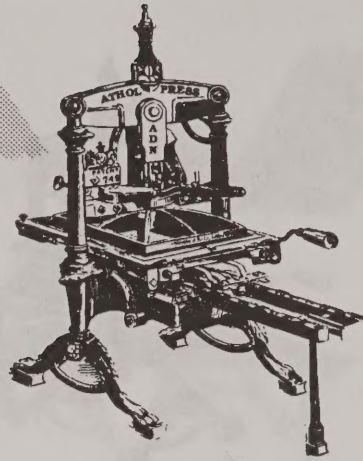
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<u>LOOKING FOR?</u>	<u>WHERE DO I FIND IT?</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
• Birth & Death Certificates	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Building, Gas, Electrical Permits	Inspection Services	323-0402
• Burning Permits	Fire Department	323-7571
• Cable TV Complaints	Cable TV Advisory Board c/o Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Cable TV Service	Avalon Cable Television	323-9203
• Cemetery Plot	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Dog Complaint Forms	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Dog Officer		323-6880
• Environmental Questions	Conservation Commission	323-0405
• Library Programs	Clapp Memorial Library	323-0417
• Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Pool & Beach Information/Passes	Parks, Beach & Recreation Department	323-0419 323-0496
• Recreational Programs	Parks, Beach & Recreation Department	323-0419 323-0496
• Recycling Information	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Road Concerns, Snow Plowing	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• School Registration	School Department	323-0423
• Senior Citizen Activities	Senior Center	323-0420
• Septic & Well Permits	Board of Health	323-0406 967-9616
• Smoke Detector Inspections	Fire Department	323-7571
• Sporting Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Subdivision Questions	Planning Board	323-0407
• Tag Sale Permits	Board of Selectmen	323-0403
• Tax Assessments & Abatements	Board of Assessors	323-0413
• Tax Payments	Tax Collector	323-0400
• Town's Accounts Payable & Payroll	Town Accountant's Office	323-0403
• Trash (Transfer Station) Stickers	Department of Public Works Board of Selectmen	323-0415 323-0403
• Tree Problems	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Veterans' Services	Veterans' Agent	323-0409
• Water Billing Questions	Water District	323-6987
• Zoning Questions	Zoning Enforcement Officer	323-0402



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

911

Assessors, Board of	323-0413
Civil Defense	323-0408
Clapp Memorial Library	323-0417
Computing Department	323-0451
Conservation Commission	323-0405
Dog Officer	323-6880
Fire Station - Business	323-7571
Health, Board of	323-0406
Housing Authority	323-4064
Inspection Services	323-0402
Parks, Beach & Recreation Department	323-0419/323-0496
Planning Board	323-0407
Police Department - Business	323-6685
Public Works, Department of	323-0415
School Department - Central Office	323-0423
Berkshire School	323-0444
Chestnut Hill Community School	323-0437
Cold Spring School	323-0428
High School	323-0433
Swift River Elementary School	323-0471
Tadgell School	323-0483
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District	283-9701
Selectmen, Board of	323-0403
Senior Center	323-0420
Tobacco Control Office	323-0498
Town Accountant	323-0403
Town Administrator	323-0403
Town Clerk	323-0400
Treasurer-Collector	323-0400
Transfer Station	323-0416
Veterans' Services	323-0409
Wastewater Treatment Plant	323-0449
Water District	323-6987

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CASIMIR W. "BOOTS" OWCZARSKI
(1926 - 1999)

It is a rare gift indeed to be able to relate to people of a purely human level, but Casimir "Boots" Owczarski had that gift. In his years as Selectman, not a meeting went by without some kind words or welcome to the citizens who came to speak to their elected officials. Boots would smile and take a little bit of tension away from the concern or problem that needed to be worked out.

Boots Owczarski was 34 when he moved to Belchertown from Adams in 1960 to take a job at the Belchertown State School. He had served in World War II, earning a Purple Heart, and gone to business college before settling here as a bachelor, but it wasn't long before he met Rita and put down roots for good. When he died last year after a long illness, he left behind many years of service to the Town, a loving family, and countless friends and colleagues.

Boots loved his job as business manager (steward) at the State School, but it was his compassion that co-workers remember from those three decades of service. He helped a lot of people out during the course of a day, and when it was time to go home, that big, white Oldsmobile would stop many times so Boots could exchange a word or two of friendship before dinner and an evening of board meetings.

Boots served three years as Selectmen and six years as a member of the Board of Assessors. He was a stalwart member of the Council on Aging for many years and was part of the Building Committee that planned and supervised construction of the Chestnut Hill Community School. In 1995, he was honored as Citizen of the Year - humble and choked up, and truly surprised. The Polish citizens in town couldn't have been more proud, for it was Boots who unabashedly kept their heritage alive at every opportunity.

When he became seriously ill and no longer able to get of the house, Boots watched Selectmen's meetings on cable and talked up a storm at home about the community he loved and the people he met along the way. He had that gift.

We dedicate this Annual Town Report to Boots Owczarski in recognition of his many contributions to the people of Belchertown.

1999 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Linda E. Barron	5/2000
Suzanne M. Bay	5/2000

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Kenneth H. Snow	5/2000
Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2001
Mary S. Pratt	5/2002

Councilor

Hampshire Council of Governments

Donald R. Laporte(resigned eff. 10/31/99)	5/2001
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Board of Assessors

(appt.Bd.members, then elected eff. 5/18/98)

Janise G. Fitzpatrick(appt.)	6/30/99
Michael P. Forgue(appt.)	6/30/00
Samuel J. Joyal(elected)	5/2001
Deborah M. Sammataro (elected 5/17/99)	5/2002

Board of Health

Denise Finn-Rizzo	5/1999
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2000
Robert P. Bishop	5/2001
Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2001
Leonard R. Belisle	5/2002
Dennis D. Hotte, Sr. (elected 5/17/99)	5/2002

Housing Authority

Louise M. Butler	5/2000
Thomas T. Soja	5/2001
Douglas G. Rae(State Mbr) (resigned 6/8/99)	2/3/2002
F. Knowlton Utley (State Mbr.) (appt. 12/99)	2/3/2002
Kenneth D. Nolan	5/2003
Sally M. Dodge	5/2004

Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2000
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Judith C. Dudek	11/2000
Michael Roncolato	11/2002

Planning Board

J. Arnold Voehringer	5/1999
James D. Hodgen	5/2000
Michael A. Beresky	5/2001
Elizabeth C. Chase	5/2002
James A. Barry	5/2003
James J. Natle (elected 5/17/99)	5/2004

School Committee

Barbara Schaffer Bacon	5/2000
Sharon D. Barnett	5/2000
Kathleen Beresky	5/2001
Edward R. Mitnick	5/2002
Richard D. White	5/2002

Board of Selectmen

David S. Fredenburgh	5/1999
Linda E. Barron	5/2000
Gerald A. Grasso	5/2000
Michael J. Reardon	5/2001
Steven D. Rose	5/2001
Ronald E. Aponte (elected 5/17/99)	5/2002

Director of Assessments

(appointed by Board of Assessors)	
John G. Whelihan	6/30/00

Civil Defense Director

Donald C. Elliott, Jr.	6/30/00
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1999 APPOINTED OFFICERS**Town Accountant**

Eleanor W. Green	
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Civil Defense Deputy Director

Robert S. Coates, Jr.	6/30/00
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Assistant Town Accountant

Jill M. Besancon	6/30/00
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Civil Defense Radio Officer

Michael V. Greco	6/30/00
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Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/00
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Civil Defense Members

Jeffery A. Czech	6/30/00
John Milner	6/30/00

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

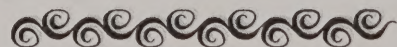
Lee Concheri	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report

Conservation Commission

Hubert F. Greene	6/30/00
David M. Haines	6/30/00
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/00
Jennie T. Greene	6/30/01
Robert W. Stover	6/30/01
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/02
Paul Eurkus	6/30/02

Belchertown Cultural Council

Donna M. Kendall	6/30/99
Paul A. Marean	6/30/99
Judith A. King	6/30/00
Sheryl Jackson	6/30/01
Judy McQuillen	6/30/01
Dianne Magee(appt. 9/99)	6/30/01
Gretchen Holesovsky	6/30/02
Eva Robbins(res. 8/99)	6/30/02
Dennis E. Conway(appt. 8/99)	6/30/02
MaryEllen Miller(appt. 8/99)	6/30/02



Council on Aging

Alice Peden	6/30/99
Ethel Casey	6/30/00
William Kimball	6/30/00
Michelle Ouhl	6/30/00
Marion Panto	6/30/00
James R. Collard	6/30/01
Theresa Glanville	6/30/01
Charlotte M. Tenczar(res.8/99)	6/30/01
Jeannette M. Crowther	6/30/02
Joan Poole	6/30/02
W.Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/02

Dog Officer

Debra R. Michaud	4/30/00
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Assistant Dog Officer

Judith Roberts	4/30/00
Jody A. Berenson	4/30/00

Poundkeeper

Nancy J. Long	
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Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Eugenie Barry	6/30/00
Kirk Stephens	6/30/00
Arthur Fiorelli	6/30/01
Stephen Lanphear	6/30/01
Steven McCafferty	6/30/01
Lloyd C. Chadbourne (appt.5/99)	6/30/02
Jeanette Rossi	6/30/02
Francesca Maltese, Ex-Officio	
Jonathan Spiegel, Associate Member	
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member	
Frances Callahan, Associate Member	

EMS Operations Manager

Steven A. Syriac(appt.6/99)	6/30/00
Gary Brougham(Interim Mgr)	

EMS Department

Ronald Beaver	6/30/00
Roy Bergeron	6/30/00
William Chapman	6/30/00
Andrea Conkey	6/30/00
David Conkey	6/30/00
John Hawley	6/30/00
Bruce Jenks	6/30/00
Frances Lofland	6/30/00
Thomas Majerowski	6/30/00
Linda Saba	6/30/00
Jeff Scott	6/30/00
Wilbert Stevenson	6/30/00
Steven Syriac	6/30/00
James Taylor	6/30/00

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/00
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/00
Cindy Brown	6/30/00
Kevin Brown	6/30/00
Frances Lofland (res.11/99)	6/30/00
Rebecca Newsome	6/30/00
Mark Nute	6/30/00
Nancy Searle	6/30/00

Finance Committee

Ronald E. Aponte(res.5/99)	6/30/99
Joel Slupnicki	6/30/00
Susan J. Cameron	6/30/01
Gloria E. Ortiz	6/30/01
Roseann Martoccia	6/30/02
Paul M. Silva(appt.8/99)	6/30/02

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Fire Station Building Committee

Samuel J. Joyal	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final Report
Edward Bock	Final Report
Richard Knight	Final Report
Kenneth Rhodes	Final Report
Homer Stebbins	Final Report
Robert Brock	Final Report
Michael Brougham	Final Report
Bruce Officer, Alternate	Final Report
Paul Greene, Alternate	Final Report
David Fredenburgh,	Final Report
Ex-Officio	

First Night Committee

Irene S. Clark	Final Report
Cheryl Garwacki	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa	Final Report
Debra J. Grudgen	Final Report
Sue Harlinski	Final Report
Kathy Henneman	Final Report
Diana Hitchcock(res.9/99)	Final Report
Fran Lofland	Final Report
Michael Lofland	Final Report
Peg Louraine	Final Report
Agnes Robarge	Final Report
Jay Rossi	Final Report
Shirley Salvatore	Final Report

Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock	6/30/00
Donald C. Elliott, Jr.	6/30/00
Robert S. Coates, Jr.	6/30/00
(Alternate)	

Board of Health - Appointments

Quabbin Health District

Randall Gauley, Health Inspector	6/30/00
Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health	6/30/00

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/00
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/00
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Inspector of Animals

Robert Novick	2/28/00
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High School Building Committee

Douglas Albertson	Final Report
Eric Bernardin	Final Report
Edward J. Ciosek	Final Report
Patrick S. Daly	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Gerald A. Grasso	Final Report
Simon James	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz	Final Report
Franklin D. Wenzel	Final Report
Richard White	Final Report
James Brown, Associate Member	
David M. Sammataro, Associate Member	
Melissa Michaud, Non-Voting Adjunct Member	
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr., (Non-Voting Member)	
Richard Pazasis, Ex-Officio	



Historical Commission

Thomas O'Neill	6/30/99
Christine Harper	6/30/00
Timothy Binzen (appt.5/99; res.12/99)	6/30/00
Vincent DiMarco (res.9/99)	6/30/01
Hilary Woodcock	6/30/01
Gail Pisacane	6/30/02
Leslie Squires	6/30/02
James Chevalier (appt.7/99)	6/30/02

Historic District Commission

Richard J. Davitt, Jr.	6/30/99
Doris Dickinson	6/30/00
Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/01
John B. Curry III	6/30/02
Christopher Bloom(appt.8/99)	6/30/02

Industrial Development Financing Authority

Janise G. Fitzpatrick	6/30/99
Steven D. Rose	6/30/00
John Malone, Associate Member	
Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr. Associate Member	
William F. Steplar, Associate Member	

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/00
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/00
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Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Owen P. Clifford	6/30/00
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**Assistant Inspectors
of Plumbing and Gas Fittings**

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/00
Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/00

Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae	6/30/00
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Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Paul Choiniere	6/30/00
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Personnel Board

M. Florine Neggers	6/30/00
Themis J. Tsoumas	6/30/00
Lester Howard	6/30/01
Maureen A. Wildey	6/30/01
David C. Kuzmeski	6/30/02

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Marilou Deshais	6/30/99
Gregory Bowler	6/30/00
Arthur L. Dunbar	6/30/00
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/00
James P. Kearney	6/30/00
Frank Lomanno(appt. 8/99)	6/30/00

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson	
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**Planning Board – Alternates
(Members Appointed)**

Michael T. Henry(res.11/99)	6/30/00
Ronald Akins(appt.12/99)	6/30/00

Planning Board – Associate Member**(Members Appointed)**

James Natle(became elec. member 5/99)	6/30/99
J.Arnold Voehringer (appt.5/99)	6/30/00

Police Chief

Robert A. Knight

Police Department – Patrol Officers**(Part-time)**

Jeffrey Sendek(to full-time effective 3/99)	6/30/99
David A. Black	6/30/00
John Bonafini	6/30/00
James Daniels	6/30/00
Sean Hamel	6/30/00
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/00
James Taylor	6/30/00
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/00

Police Department - Lieutenant

William C. Zobka	6/30/00
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Constables

John Milner	6/30/00
Andrew Sears	6/30/00

Police Department – Sergeants**(Full-time)**

Francis Fox, Jr.	6/30/00
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/00
James Jackson, Jr.	6/30/00

Police Candidate Review Committee

Peter Burton	6/30/99
Orin Bracey	6/30/00
Patricia Sheridan	6/30/00

Police Department – Patrol Officers**(Full-time)**

Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/00
Sean Bracey	6/30/00
David A. Conkey	6/30/00
Joseph Fillmore	6/30/00
Bruce Jenks	6/30/00
Winthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/00
Edward H. Oey	6/30/00
Kevin J. Pacunas	6/30/00
William A. Panto	6/30/00
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/00
Jeffrey Sendek(appt. effective 3/99 from part-time)	6/30/00

Police Station Building Committee

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Derooin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report
Dominic Colaccino, Assoc. Mbr.	Final Report
Joseph Rebello, Assoc. Mbr.	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Eleanor Green, Assistant

**Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce
Regional Economic Development
(Belchertown's Representatives)**

Michael Reardon Final Report
David Roberts Final Report

Public Weigher

Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr. 6/30/00

Rationing Board

Richard F. Dzialo 6/30/00
David H. Squires 6/30/01
Patricia J. Mitchell 6/30/02

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

Recreation Committee

William Eldridge, Assoc. Mbr. 6/30/00
Karen Schiffer, Assoc. Mbr. 6/30/00
David S. Whipple, Assoc. Mbr. 6/30/00
Garry M. Bock 6/30/00
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski 6/30/01
William R. Lafleur 6/30/01
Robert L. Chartier 6/30/02
Bruce C. Smith 6/30/02

**PVTA (Pioneer Valley Planning
Commission) Representatives**

James A. Barry(off eff.5/99)
James J. Natle(appt.5/99)
Douglas Albertson, Alternate 6/30/00

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven Williams 6/30/00

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

PVTA Advisory Board

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick 6/30/00

**Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce
Business Assistance Loan Program
(Belchertown's Representative)**

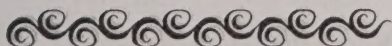
William F. Steplar

Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock Final Report
David Cushing Final Report
James Phaneuf Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas Final Report
Michael VanDyke Final Report

Registrars of Voters

Dorothy M. Brennen 3/31/00
William R. Barnett, Clerk 6/30/00
Pauline C. Johnson 3/31/01
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz 3/31/02



Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury (Belchertown High School)	3/31/00
Richard M. Sinkoski (Pathfinder)	3/31/00

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault	8/31/99
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Election Officers – Precinct A

Rosemary Hodgen (Warden)	8/31/99
Barbara Frigon (Clerk)	8/31/99

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane Ricchiazzi (Warden)	8/31/99
Donna Abely (Clerk)	8/31/99

Election Officers – Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden)	8/31/99
Elizabeth Leger (Clerk)	8/31/99

Rent Control Board

Ronald Akins	6/30/00
Hebert E. Squires	6/30/01
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/02
Tracy Steadman	6/30/03
Mitchell Vincent	6/30/04

School Crossing Guards

Hector Tetreault	6/30/00
Andrew Sears, Sub.	6/30/00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/00
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Senior Center Building Committee

Barbara Cummings	Final Report
Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyarka	Final Report

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham

Overseer of William Stebbins Account

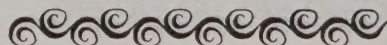
Michael J. Reardon

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/00
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Swift River Elementary School**Building Committee**

James P. Fox	Final Report
David Fredenburgh	Final Report
Everett C. Hume	Final Report
Pauline Johnson	Final Report
Kevin P. Lucey	Final Report
Sharon C. Marean	Final Report
Allen E. Weiss	Final Report
Robert B. Byard, Associate	Final Report
Peter Crowley, Associate	Final Report



The Expansion of the Tax Base Committee**(appt. 5/99)**

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/00
David Fredenburgh(res.12/99)	6/30/00
Peter S. Galuszka	6/30/00
Linda Plant(res.10/99)	6/30/00
David R. Roberts	6/30/00
William Terry	6/30/00
Edward R. Comeau(appt.6/99)	6/30/00
Edward Radowilowicz (appt. 11/99)	6/30/00

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	6/30/00
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Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/00
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Treasurer-Collector

William R. Barnett	6/30/00
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Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/00
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Deputy Collectors

Gloria J. Conkey (office)	6/2000
Shirley Dillard (office)	8/2000
Arthur C. Jones	12/2000
William F. Corbett	12/2000

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/00
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Veterans' Graves Officer

Robert C. Messier	3/31/00
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Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/00
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Veteran's Services Agent

A. William Carrier	6/30/00
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War Memorial Committee

Leo Beauchemin	6/30/00
Herbert E. Squires	6/30/00
Roy F. Whidden	6/30/00
Francis A. Dudek	6/30/01
Peter G. Thorpe	6/30/02

Zoning Board of Appeals

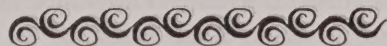
Stephan B. Wurmbrand	6/30/99
Scott Surner	6/30/00
Michael A. Roncolato	6/30/01
Sandra Webb(from Assoc,eff.8/99)	6/30/02

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Raymond Goff	6/30/00
Sandra Webb (to regular member eff. 8/99)	6/30/00
Diane Mas	6/30/00

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/00
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Front Row (left to right): Steven D. Rose, Gerald A. Grasso, Linda E. Barron

Back Row (left to right): Ronald E. Aponte, Michael J. Reardon

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Another year has passed, and once again the Board of Selectmen has the opportunity through the Annual Town Report, to look back at the projects, activities and events, members of the Board help guide, or participated in, over the past year. Our review of the past year allows us the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our departments, boards, and committees.

Last year, the Board of Selectmen said goodbye to David Fredenburgh. David decided not to run again after serving the Town of Belchertown, honorably, for three terms. The Board honored him with a sledge hammer sized gavel to maintain order.

Following the May election, Mr. Ron Aponte joined the Board of Selectmen as its newest member. Ron came to the Board with extensive experience from the Finance Committee. The annual reorganization of the Board of Selectmen took place as follows: Gerald Grasso, Chairman; Steve Rose, Vice-Chairman; Michael Reardon, Clerk; outgoing chairman Linda Barron and Ron Aponte complete the five member Board. In addition to our duties as the executive branch of town government, each of us has liaison

responsibilities to various town departments, boards, and committees. This structure was set up many years ago to facilitate communication between the Board of Selectmen and the various departments, boards, and committees to handle routine items that do not need to come before the entire Board of Selectmen. This year's liaison assignments were as follows: Human Services, environmental, and recreation: Michael Reardon; Department of Public Works: Ron Aponte; Public Safety: Steve Rose; Education: Gerald Grasso; and General Government: Linda Barron.

Since last year, the landscape of Belchertown has seen many changes. As a Board, we have worked together to oversee and guide these changes. When travelling down Route 202 south of the center of town the progress of the new Police Station and Senior Center does not go unnoticed. The William G. Whitlock Municipal Center has had the usual type problems, but nothing insurmountable. Both buildings are nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy about the time this report is printed.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant reconstruction and the sewer line expansion have made great progress during the past year. The mild beginning to winter allowed construction to proceed later than normal. As work progressed, a watchful eye has kept on the scheduled mandated start of waste water treatment with the new plant (the town must start treating on May 15, 2000). All indicators point towards meeting this critical deadline. Along with the plant reconstruction, the expansion of the sewer lines has progressed on schedule. The Stadler Street sewer line is nearing completion at this time. Beginning within the next few weeks, residents will see the start of construction down Old Springfield Road and within the boundaries of Pine Valley Plantation. This expansion will bring hundreds of new sewer customers on line, as well as the new high school.

The hard work of the volunteers and Susan Shea-Bressette who readied the nursery

building designated to be the new Teen Center, came to fruition this year. The Teen Center became an instant success. The number of our children utilizing the Teen Center has steadily increased, thus demonstrating the need for this service.

After many years of dealing with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for funding for hazardous material abatement on the campus of the old Belchertown State School, it appears that some progress has occurred. A proposal to phase in the money for clean up was made to the House of Representatives this year, which seemed to be well received. As most know, a clean site is a necessary condition before any purchase of the property (for development by the town) can be considered. Also noteworthy is the movement towards identifying a site for the proposed new District Courthouse in Belchertown on Parcel E of the old State School (along with its expected business spin-off).

There have been additional business initiatives brought to Belchertown. Two of which are a Super Stop & Shop with an associated mini mall, and a new 18 hole golf course. Both of these projects are excellent examples of what can be accomplished when the various town departments, boards, and committees work together with a commitment to cooperation. The various town boards processed both these projects in minimum time. This type of cooperation is necessary to attract businesses to our town.

An important issue that received major consideration throughout the year by all the town departments, boards and committees was the advent of the year 2000. Otherwise known as the Y2K Bug. Much analysis and preparation was conducted to ensure a smooth seamless transition from 1999 to 2000, without any problems from the computers we use in our day to day operations. Special attention was given to those pieces of equipment used in all aspects of public safety. As a result of the hard work and dedication of all involved, Belchertown crossed into the new century

without any problems. Great relief was felt when the New Year came and went with out any trace of the Y2K bug!

In conjunction with the New Year, the First Night Committee prepared and coordinated many events and decorations for family participation, to welcome in the New Century. It appeared a good time was had by all.

One of the busiest committees during the past year was the High School Building Committee. Once the voters approved the ballot question to raise taxes to build the new high school, work to begin this mandate began in earnest. The committee met every two weeks to meet with the architect to approve, improve and select materials for use in the new high school. Always in mind were the budget and the amenities in the new school approved by the voters. Many decisions concerning the materials and playing fields were made. Interested citizens attended some of the meetings to provide helpful input into the process. Everyone concerned wanted to be able to provide all that was voted for by the town residents. As time went on it became apparent that some items might have to be considered as alternates on the bid documents. There were concerns over the effects of a tight labor market and hot economy on the bids would be received. Happily, on February 23, 2000 the general bids were opened and the apparent low bidder's price would allow the committee to include five of the six alternates listed. As the largest project this town has undertaken, we can all be proud of the efforts of the High School Building Committee for bringing in the new school as voted and over \$50,000 under budget.

In review, this has been one of the busiest years for Belchertown. Our growth has placed unprecedented demand on all town services. It is increasingly important to strike a balance between the budget and the services needed by the town. Our growth is putting extreme pressure on town departments and the budget to provide for the increased services.

Your elected Board of Selectmen has the responsibilities for many departments, services, policies, and procedures. Only a few of the more important have been mentioned in this report. There are other reports by various departments contained in this Annual Report that you are urged to read. Some will give further details on those highlighted here. All of us are in this together. The spirits of community and concern for others are aspects of Belchertown that we hope will never change despite the numerous physical changes that are occurring in our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Grasso, Chairman



Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

I would like to begin my Annual Report this year by welcoming everyone to the new millennium. I often wonder what challenges our Town officials were facing 100 years ago and what issues the comparable officials will face 100 years from now. Will we continue to educate our children in traditional schools? What will Belchertown's population be -- 50,000, 75,000, 100,000 -- anyone care to guess? Will the old blue water tank still stand near the Common? Will the Big Dig be complete? So many questions only able to be answered by one's imagination. In any case, it has been a pleasure and memorable experience

for me to serve as your Town Administrator during the turn of this century. I look forward to addressing the needs of Belchertown's residents with enthusiasm and sincerity in the coming years.

Under Belchertown's charter, it is the Town Administrator, operating under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of Town government. These duties include, but are not limited to personnel administration, budgeting, purchasing, grant administration, affirmative action, conflict resolution, capital project management and interaction with many local, State and Federal agencies.

At the present time, this office remains involved in the following capital projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Completion</u>	<u>Cost</u>
WWTP Renovation (substantial)	10/2000	\$8,200,000
New Police Station	05/2000	\$1,500,000
New Senior Center	05/2000	\$1,300,000
Stadler Street Sewer Project	08/2000	\$400,000
Springfield Road Sewer Project	10/2000	\$1,200,000
Pine Valley Sewer Project	10/2000	\$1,800,000
New High School	09/2002	\$32,000,000
Total Value		\$46,004,000

In addition to the capital projects mentioned above, we are also participating in the following:

- Eastern Hampshire County Courthouse relocation to Belchertown
- Main Street and Maple Street intersection re-construction
- Belchertown Post Office renovation/relocation
- Tri-Lakes sewer project
- Various capital procurement and grant administration projects
- The proposed Milestone Crossing development
- Cold Springs Golf Course, Banquet Facility and Condominium project

Although several of these projects have become regulars on these lists, one must acquaint themselves with the very complex environmental, regulatory and financial arenas we must operate within while attempting to accomplish these objectives. Combined with feasibility studies, planning and normal construction cycles, a project such as the new High School may require as much as eight years to complete. Our progress, however, remains steady. In addition to the anticipated completion of our new Police Station and Senior Center, Wastewater Treatment Facility and three major sewer projects in the next six months, we have recently completed the following major projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Completion</u>	<u>Cost</u>
New Fire Station	04/1999	\$2,800,000
Landfill Capping	01/1999	\$1,000,000
Library Access Project	11/1999	\$280,000
*Cellular Comm. Tower Const.	04/1999	---

**Although this project was financed privately, the structure was built on Town-owned property leased to the contractor. This project required considerable participation from this office throughout the siting, permitting and construction period. Its benefit to the community is both financial and service oriented.*

Admittedly, we like to boast about the completion and improved services these accomplishments provide, however we never lose site of the financial impact they pose on our taxpayers. In a high growth community such as Belchertown, the difficult task of meeting the additional needs of our community in a cost effective manner is both frustrating and challenging. Grant opportunities are on the decline, local taxes are something no one wishes to entertain, and borrowing only compounds the overall financial picture. As a result of this, we strive to secure the grants and giveaways in spite of increased competition and use taxes and borrowing as a last resort in every situation.

As an essential component of our operation, staffing adjustments are made periodically to provide additional service or replace displaced employees. As a result of this, I am pleased to welcome the following new employees to their respective positions:

- Scott Ingram DPW – Highway
- Debbie Giammarino DPW – Maintenance
- Michelle Burns DPW – Maintenance
- Nycole Maziarz Accountant's Office
- Anne Chartier Conservation Office
- Ruth Balbony Police - Dispatcher
- Ed Burton DPW – Highway
- Cathy LeBlond Aquatic Director

I wish all of these individuals the best of luck as members of the Belchertown team and encourage you to get involved.

In addition to each employee's primary responsibility, many participate on various Town boards and committees. In recognition of those employees who currently participate in extra curricular activities, I would like to publicly thank you. For those individuals who are not currently involved, the following committees are always in need of new members:

- Customer Service Team
- Public/Employee Safety
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Committee
- Employee Needs
- Performance Evaluation Committee

In addition, there are endless volunteer opportunities within our Town. In fact, I am confident we have an opportunity that was custom-made for any person's interest. Considering the needs of the Belchertown Fair Committee, Year 2000 – Holiday Lighting Committee, Public Access Channel 5, Recreation Department, Clapp Memorial Library, Historical Commission and Historical District Commission, Senior Center, Fire Department and countless others, we have a position for everyone regardless of your interests and time constraints. A simple call to

the Selectmen's Office (323-0403) is all one must do become involved.

As with our dedicated employees, the efforts of our hardworking volunteers often go unnoticed, consequently I wish to also thank each and every one of you. Without your dedication and vision, the many memorable community events and services we have grown to anticipate and enjoy would not be possible. Once again, thank you one and all.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during their term. The Committee is not governed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Town officer or board.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews warrant articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes

recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting.

The Town of Belchertown's operational and capital budgets continue to grow at a rapid pace. For Fiscal Year 2000 (July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000), the Town's budgeted operating expenses have increased over \$1 million (approximately 5%) versus Fiscal Year 1999 totals. The majority of additional operating expenses can be traced to increases in school spending, which includes the Belchertown School District (4%) and Pathfinder Regional (18%) as well as the second year of loan payments for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Line Extension Project (38%). The Town has also made a commitment to building a new High School which contributed to Fiscal Year 2000 expenses. The new High School is a necessity due to sustained increases in enrollment and is the primary focus of the School Committee as a capital project, as they work with the High School Building Committee. Overall, the Fiscal Year 2000 budget contained little or no growth in any Town Department's other than required expenses and technology needs associated with Y2K compliance issues.

Belchertown continues to invest in funding several major capital projects. Significant progress was made in realizing the new Police Station and Senior Center which will be the "anchors" of the W. Gerry Whitlock Municipal Complex located on the former State School property. The new High School and expanding Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer line extension project continue to require the Town to provide "initial investment" funding until State reimbursement for the High School or user fees begin to offset the Town's contribution and substantively assist with operating costs. The reality is that Fiscal Year 2000 and, at least, the next two fiscal years will be tight ones for the Town of Belchertown.

The growing population and resulting needs of the citizens of Belchertown in the areas of infrastructure, public works, public safety and education require a three-prong approach of prudent spending, careful planning for the future and continued attention to other potential sources of revenue for this municipality. As capital investments have been the current focus, the Stabilization Fund has not been able to be added to but the Finance Committee will seek any opportunity to increase the amount of funds in this set aside account. The Finance Committee is interested in following the progress of the Planning Board as they explore a Master Plan for the Town. The work of the Task Force to Expand the Tax Base is also an effort which our Committee will seek to stay abreast of, as the work of this committee could result in financial implications for the revenue base of Belchertown.

The Finance Committee is pleased to be a part of an exciting time of growth for the Town and responding to critical needs which face our residents. However, our commitment is to act responsibly and examine each request made in the Department budgets which comprise the overall operating budget for the Town. We are also committed to advising the Town Meeting on any capital appropriation in a manner which has reviewed factors including cost efficiency, cost savings and increased service which will benefit the residents of Belchertown. We are in a position of working collaboratively with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee during the annual budget process and as needs arise during the fiscal year with the common goal of providing quality services and maintaining prudent financial decision making. It is with these things in mind that the Finance Committee exercises its responsibility to advise Town meeting on matters with impact to the amount of tax dollars paid by the residents and homeowners of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee

Roseann Martoccia, Chairman

Gloria E. Ortiz

Joel Slupnicki

Paul Silva

Susan J. Cameron



Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30 ,1999

ASSETS

Cash		4,011,740.69
Petty Cash Advance		50.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	815,815.18	
Property Taxes of 2000	5,167,387.22	
Deferred Taxes	12,975.99	
Excise Taxes	177,709.41	
Tax Liens	980,496.20	
Lieu Taxes	1,500.00	
Special Assessments	378,099.23	
Departmental	81,496.60	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(470,370.83)</u>	
		7,145,109.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>20,238.71</u>
Total Assets		<u>11,177,138.40</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		1,489,077.84
Employee Withholdings		140,398.93
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	5,450,807.56	
Excise Taxes	177,709.41	
Tax Liens	980,496.20	
Lieu Taxes	1,500.00	
Special Assessments	378,099.23	
Departmental	81,496.60	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>20,238.71</u>	
		7,090,347.71
Unclaimed Checks		<u>14,790.71</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>8,734,615.19</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Encumbrances		482,272.67
Reserve for Expenditure		236,856.00
Unreserved Fund Balance		1,739,477.54
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under		<u>(16,083.00)</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>2,442,523.21</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>11,177,138.40</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 1999

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	4,011,740.69	501,098.88	2,094,190.81	477,300.70	291,996.28	970,173.62		8,346,500.98
Petty Cash Advance	50.00	2,764.00						2,814.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	815,815.18							815,815.18
Property Taxes of 2000	5,167,387.22							5,167,387.22
Deferred Taxes	12,975.99							12,975.99
Excise Taxes	177,709.41							177,709.41
Tax Liens	980,496.20			1,957.58				982,453.78
Lieu Taxes	1,500.00							1,500.00
Special Assessments	378,099.23							378,099.23
Departmental	81,496.60			54,802.68				136,299.28
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(470,370.83)							(470,370.83)
Tax Foreclosures	20,238.71							20,238.71
Due from Commonwealth		648,498.33	378,092.00					1,026,590.33
Due from MWPAT			5,656,857.00					5,656,857.00
Amt to be Provided-Payment of Debt							20,014,110.00	20,014,110.00
Amt to be Prov.-Compensated Bal.							<u>1,040,401.94</u>	<u>1,040,401.94</u>
Total Assets	<u>11,177,138.40</u>	<u>1,152,361.21</u>	<u>8,129,139.81</u>	<u>534,060.96</u>	<u>291,996.28</u>	<u>970,173.62</u>	<u>21,054,511.94</u>	<u>43,309,382.22</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	1,489,077.84							1,576,411.49
Employee Withholdings	140,398.93							140,398.93
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	5,450,807.56							5,450,807.56
Excise Taxes	177,709.41							177,709.41
Tax Liens	980,496.20							982,453.78
Lieu Taxes	1,500.00			1,957.58				1,500.00
Special Assessments	378,099.23							378,099.23
Departmental	81,496.60			54,802.68				136,299.28
Tax Forclosures	20,238.71							20,238.71

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 1999

Other Governments	648,498.33	378,092.00				1,026,590.33
MWPAT		5,656,857.00				5,656,857.00
Unclaimed Checks	14,790.71					14,790.71
Bond Indebtedness					20,014,110.00	20,014,110.00
Compensated Absences					1,040,401.94	1,040,401.94
Total Liabilities	8,734,615.19	715,164.21	6,035,349.00	66,226.30	1,357.03	36,616,668.37
Fund Equity:						
Reserve for Encumbrances	482,272.67			9,562.50		491,835.17
Reserve for Expenditures	236,856.00			104,000.00	115,545.00	456,401.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,739,477.54					1,739,477.54
Fund Bal. Designated for Over/Under	(16,083.00)					(16,083.00)
Retained Earnings				354,272.16	167,006.58	521,278.74
Reserved Fund Balance		437,197.00	2,093,790.81		968,816.59	3,499,804.40
Total Fund Equity	2,442,523.21	437,197.00	2,093,790.81	467,834.66	282,551.58	6,692,713.85
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	11,177,138.40	1,152,361.21	8,129,139.81	534,060.96	970,173.62	43,309,382.22

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1999

	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS</u>			<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY TYPE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	10,034,824.47						10,034,824.47
State Receipts	9,586,191.77						9,586,191.77
MWPAT			2,953,643.00				2,953,643.00
Excise Taxes	910,350.37						910,350.37
Tax Liens	192,495.40			16,074.19			208,569.59
Licenses & Permits	215,110.00						215,110.00
Special Assessments	53,811.42						53,811.42
Interest	551,718.18	3,292.80				44,889.52	599,900.50
Fines & Forfeits	84,959.00						84,959.00
Departmental Revenue	264,713.79			12,000.00	2,912.45		279,626.24
Fees	26,320.55						26,320.55
Off-Set Receipts	53,281.16						53,281.16
Other	33,807.56	2,131.24		242.70			36,181.50
Tax Foreclosure	(13,305.92)						-13,305.92
Grants	1,477,156.03		14,016.09				1,491,172.12
Performance Guarantees	70,023.00						70,023.00
Gifts	94,730.19					272.72	95,002.91
User Fees	674,027.06			269,135.09	136,915.90		1,080,078.05
Lieu Taxes	153,717.18						153,717.18
Rentals	1,566.00						1,566.00
Umass Transit	25,301.00						25,301.00
Total Revenues	22,174,861.93	2,321,360.32	2,967,659.09	297,451.98	139,828.35	45,162.24	27,946,323.91

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1999

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	
Expenditures:							
General Government	968,991.90	95,490.18				1937.5	1,066,419.58
Protection of Persons & Property	1,451,434.61	126,684.62					1,578,119.23
Education	13,873,447.79	1,040,502.79					14,913,950.58
Public Works	961,858.50	375,277.11		230,572.55	192,192.47	4,561.58	1,764,462.21
Human Services	307,710.90	159,386.77				1,915.13	469,012.80
Culture & Recreation	379,658.73	256,851.25				4,800.00	641,309.98
Insurance & Unclassified	1,412,848.16						1,412,848.16
Debt & Interest	1,695,134.10			7,083.15			1,702,217.25
State Assessments	177,167.19				3,282.12		177,167.19
Prior Year Expenditures	974,783.20						978,065.32
Construction			3,835,977.66				3,835,977.66
Architectural & Engineering			1,078,329.45				1,078,329.45
Land Acquisition			390,000.00				390,000.00
Equipment			101,057.57	370.00	0.00		101,427.57
Total Expenditures	22,203,035.08	2,054,192.72	5,405,364.68	238,025.70	195,474.59	13,214.21	30,109,306.98
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(28,173.15)	267,167.60	(2,437,705.59)	59,426.28	(55,646.24)	31,948.03	(2,162,983.07)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	3,201.81	566.11	1,314,025.00	290,884.00	102,363.00	0.00	1,711,039.92
Operating Transfers Out	990,272.00	3,431.12	267000	0.00	0.00	450,000.00	1,710,703.12
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	(987,070.19)	(2,865.01)	1,047,025.00	290,884.00	102,363.00	(450,000.00)	336.80
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	(1,015,243.34)	264,302.59	(1,390,680.59)	350,310.28	46,716.76	(418,051.97)	(2,162,646.27)
Audit Adjustment		(15.00)					(15.00)
Fund Balance 7-1-98	3,457,766.55	170,145.41	3,484,471.40	117,524.38	235,834.82	739,035.22	8,204,777.78
Fund Balance 6-30-99	2,442,523.21	434,433.00	2,093,790.81	467,834.66	282,551.58	320,983.25	6,042,116.51

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY00
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$0.00	
Selectmen	\$27,029.00	\$2,100.00	\$25,174.08	\$3,954.92	\$2,000.00
Town Administrator	\$67,839.00		\$65,183.67	\$2,655.33	\$2,500.00
Cable Access TV Operations	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$0.00	
Finance Committee	\$527.00		\$182.20	\$344.80	
Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	(\$26,158.00)	\$0.00	\$3,842.00	
Town Accountant	\$173,744.00		\$170,071.34	\$3,672.66	\$500.00
Computer Director	\$108,233.00	\$1,200.00	\$109,183.65	\$249.35	\$27.36
Assessors	\$182,516.00	\$1,000.00	\$174,925.96	\$8,590.04	\$1,440.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$168,128.00		\$158,652.65	\$9,475.35	\$4,000.00
Law Account	\$81,300.00	\$2,066.00	\$83,364.80	\$1.20	
Town Clerk	\$58,447.00		\$57,244.16	\$1,202.84	
Election & Registration	\$18,650.00		\$18,146.92	\$503.08	
Conservation Commission	\$37,458.00		\$37,049.40	\$408.60	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$1,586.85		\$1,586.85	\$0.00	
Planning Board	\$62,784.00		\$60,084.02	\$2,699.98	
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$4,388.00		\$888.96	\$3,499.04	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$200.00		\$19.24	\$180.76	
EDIC	\$2,500.00		\$2,491.39	\$8.61	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$4,000.00</u>		<u>\$3,967.61</u>	<u>\$32.39</u>	
	\$1,030,104.85	(\$19,792.00)	\$968,991.90	\$41,320.95	\$10,467.36
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>					
Police Department	\$1,099,038.00		\$1,031,973.33	\$67,064.67	\$624.99
Fire Department	\$186,665.00	\$12,800.00	\$199,373.82	\$91.18	\$52.41
Hydrant Service	\$18,415.00		\$18,414.40	\$0.60	
Ambulance Service	\$84,846.00	\$550.00	\$85,194.63	\$201.37	
Inspection Services	\$98,668.00	\$1,200.00	\$99,709.97	\$158.03	
Civil Defense	\$1,670.00		\$1,102.20	\$567.80	
Dog Officer	<u>\$18,086.00</u>		<u>\$15,618.72</u>	<u>\$2,467.28</u>	
	\$1,507,388.00	\$14,550.00	\$1,451,387.07	\$70,550.93	\$677.40
<u>EDUCATION</u>					
Town Schools	\$13,468,970.00		\$13,321,762.99	\$147,207.01	\$34,481.68
Regional School	<u>\$551,347.00</u>		<u>\$551,347.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$14,020,317.00	\$0.00	\$13,873,109.99	\$147,207.01	\$34,481.68

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY00
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>					
Personal Services	\$369,080.00	\$1,600.00	\$369,617.39	\$1,062.61	
Professional Engineering	\$10,500.00		\$8,472.02	\$2,027.98	\$1,962.50
Construction Materials	\$64,800.00		\$64,308.94	\$491.06	
Snow & Ice Control	\$135,050.00		\$134,560.74	\$489.26	
Street Lighting	\$30,000.00		\$25,172.59	\$4,827.41	
Road Machinery	\$55,700.00	\$2,100.00	\$57,731.48	\$68.52	
Town Garage	\$11,425.00	\$1,200.00	\$12,355.54	\$269.46	\$63.18
Hired Services	\$48,300.00		\$47,477.46	\$822.54	
Cemetery Department	\$30,074.00		\$30,074.00	\$0.00	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$185,382.00		\$168,110.26	\$17,271.74	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$28,412.00		\$25,571.57	\$2,840.43	
Finnerty House	\$4,150.00		\$3,620.60	\$529.40	
Police Station	\$9,350.00		\$8,722.34	\$627.66	
Old Town Hall	\$5,284.00		\$4,353.34	\$930.66	
Town Common	\$1,350.00		\$1,111.60	\$238.40	
Town Clock	<u>\$600.00</u>		<u>\$598.63</u>	<u>\$1.37</u>	
	\$989,457.00	\$4,900.00	\$961,858.50	\$32,498.50	\$2,025.68
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>					
Board of Health	\$25,640.00		\$14,300.66	\$11,339.34	
Quabbin Health District	\$69,757.50		\$69,757.50	\$0.00	
Council on Aging	\$197,026.00		\$190,165.21	\$6,860.79	
Veterans' Services	<u>\$34,025.00</u>	<u>342.00</u>	<u>\$33,487.53</u>	<u>\$879.47</u>	
	\$326,448.50	\$342.00	\$307,710.90	\$19,079.60	\$0.00
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>					
Clapp Memorial Library	\$181,837.00		\$181,532.11	\$304.89	
Recreation Department	\$104,126.00		\$104,069.62	\$56.38	
Recreation Pool	\$75,884.00		\$75,839.59	\$44.41	
Recreation-Town Beach	\$18,245.00		\$18,069.96	\$175.04	
Historic District	\$348.00		\$0.00	\$348.00	
Historical Comission	\$500.00		\$147.45	\$352.55	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$381,240.00	\$0.00	\$379,658.73	\$1,581.27	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1999

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY99
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>					
Unclassified	\$41,300.00		\$39,497.20	\$1,802.80	
Pensions	\$563,444.00		\$562,944.00	\$500.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$36,203.00		\$22,619.21	\$13,583.79	
Unemployment	\$10,000.00		\$8,899.52	\$1,100.48	
Medicare	\$33,500.00		\$31,710.58	\$1,789.42	\$48.32
Health Insurance	\$311,800.00		\$275,759.81	\$36,040.19	
Group Life	\$1,500.00		\$1,083.78	\$416.22	
General Insurance	\$195,670.00		\$195,334.00	\$336.00	
One-Time Appropriations	\$267,240.00		\$195,631.79	\$71,608.21	\$69,298.36
Unpaid Bills-Prior Year	<u>\$79,368.27</u>		<u>\$79,368.27</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$1,540,025.27	\$0.00	\$1,412,848.16	\$127,177.11	\$69,346.68
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>					
Maturing Debt	\$1,101,000.00		\$1,101,000.00	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$652,633.00</u>		<u>\$594,134.10</u>	<u>\$58,498.90</u>	
	\$1,753,633.00	\$0.00	\$1,695,134.10	\$58,498.90	\$0.00
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
General Government	\$1,030,104.85	(\$19,792.00)	\$968,991.90	\$41,320.95	\$10,467.36
Protection of Persons/Property	\$1,507,388.00	\$14,550.00	\$1,451,387.07	\$70,550.93	\$677.40
Education	\$14,020,317.00	\$0.00	\$13,873,109.99	\$147,207.01	\$34,481.68
Public Works	\$989,457.00	\$4,900.00	\$961,858.50	\$32,498.50	\$2,025.68
Human Services	\$326,448.50	\$342.00	\$307,710.90	\$19,079.60	\$0.00
Culture & Recreation	\$381,240.00	\$0.00	\$379,658.73	\$1,581.27	\$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$1,540,025.27	\$0.00	\$1,412,848.16	\$127,177.11	\$69,346.68
Debt & Interest	<u>\$1,753,633.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,695,134.10</u>	<u>\$58,498.90</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$21,548,613.62	\$0.00	\$21,050,699.35	\$497,914.27	\$116,998.80
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$1,339,582.87</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$974,783.20</u>	<u>\$364,799.67</u>	<u>\$351,173.06</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$22,888,196.49</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$22,025,482.55</u>	<u>\$862,713.94</u>	<u>\$468,171.86</u>

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1999

	Brought Forward to FY98	Approp. In (Out)	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY99
<u>ENCUMBERED FUNDS</u>					
School Department	\$795,529.37		\$795,529.37	\$0.00	
Elementary School Bldg Com	\$9,371.47		\$0.00	\$9,371.47	
Police Wages	\$10,000.00		\$2,520.91	\$7,479.09	\$7,479.09
EDIC Expenses	\$66.53		\$66.53	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditures-97	\$24,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Capital Expenditures-98	\$90,334.81		\$17,942.64	\$72,392.17	\$71,883.26
One Time Appropriations-98	\$60,200.35		\$8,877.41	\$51,322.94	\$48,045.40
Gas Pumps	\$22,146.22		\$0.00	\$22,146.22	\$22,146.22
Fire Station Building Comm.	\$2,383.12		\$1,914.43	\$468.69	
Traffic Light Configuration	\$5,000.00		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
BSS Infrastructure	\$300,551.00		\$137,931.91	\$162,619.09	\$162,619.09
Purchase Development Lights	<u>\$20,000.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	<u>\$1,339,582.87</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$974,783.20</u>	<u>\$364,799.67</u>	<u>\$351,173.06</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 1999

	Principal	Interest	Total
2000	1,330,155.08	627,124.32	1,957,279.40
2001	1,313,201.36	568,529.17	1,881,730.53
2002	1,342,100.66	510,969.37	1,853,070.03
2003	1,351,193.82	461,960.93	1,813,154.75
2004	1,375,234.06	411,338.57	1,786,572.63
2005	988,599.37	369,693.03	1,358,292.40
2006	757,571.05	336,502.21	1,094,073.26
2007	788,580.23	311,228.43	1,099,808.66
2008	814,881.45	284,239.63	1,099,121.08
2009	844,722.65	257,342.70	1,102,065.35
2010	881,625.72	226,766.69	1,108,392.41
2011	913,599.71	194,058.43	1,107,658.14
2012	950,886.45	159,400.81	1,110,287.26
2013	869,200.00	239,802.99	1,109,002.99
2014	1,029,518.12	94,771.48	1,124,289.60
2015	1,037,249.50	54,945.76	1,092,195.26
2016	390,373.78	14,904.41	405,278.19
2017	398,582.43	7,393.19	405,975.62
2018	406,771.21	0.00	406,771.21
2019	<u>415,178.02</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>415,178.02</u>
	18,199,224.67	5,130,972.12	23,330,196.79

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 1999

	Balance 7/1/1998	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred Out	Audit Adjustment	Reserved	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/1999
Poor Funds:									
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$70,324.11 \$36,139.14		\$17,104.04 \$1,789.97	\$1,915.13				\$85,513.02 \$37,929.11	\$85,513.02 \$37,929.11
School Funds:									
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	\$2,904.89 \$8,518.19		\$190.10 \$564.05					\$3,094.99 \$9,082.24	\$3,094.99 \$9,082.24
Library Fund:									
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$4,845.74		\$253.03	\$4,800.00			\$298.77	\$298.77	\$298.77
Town Clock Fund:									
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$2,396.69		\$174.32				\$2,571.01	\$2,571.01	\$2,571.01
Senior Center Fund:									
Senior Center Memorial	\$1,260.46		\$459.84				\$1,720.30	\$1,720.30	\$1,720.30
Cemetery Funds:									
Perpetual Care	\$11,860.74		\$5,199.32	\$4,481.58			\$12,578.48	\$12,578.48	\$12,578.48
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$922.77		\$43.43				\$966.20	\$966.20	\$966.20
Nellie E. Brown	\$3,630.79		\$179.23	\$80.00			\$3,730.02	\$3,730.02	\$3,730.02
Willard Stebbins	\$4,295.71		\$224.68				\$4,520.39	\$4,520.39	\$4,520.39
Vianna E. Somes	\$1,699.42		\$77.57				\$1,776.99	\$1,776.99	\$1,776.99
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$679.45	\$272.72					\$952.17	\$952.17	\$952.17
Person Fund	\$9,823.68		\$1,031.26				\$10,854.94	\$10,854.94	\$10,854.94
Conservation Fund	\$15,106.68		\$562.67	\$1,937.50			\$13,731.85	\$13,731.85	\$13,731.85
Stabilization Fund	\$564,626.76		\$17,036.01		\$450,000.00		\$131,662.77	\$131,662.77	\$131,662.77
	<u>\$739,035.22</u>	<u>\$272.72</u>	<u>\$44,889.52</u>	<u>\$13,214.21</u>	<u>\$450,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$952.17</u>	<u>\$320,031.08</u>	<u>\$320,983.25</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1999

	Balance 7/1/1998	Additions	Balance 6/30/1999
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	5,150.00 10,000.00	507,710.69	512,860.69 10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	2,000.00 6,000.00		2,000.00 6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	10,535.51	50.00	10,585.51
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	83,687.14	3,600.00	87,287.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Some	<u>300.00</u>		<u>300.00</u>
	<u>136,472.65</u>	<u>511,360.69</u>	<u>647,833.34</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 1999

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/1998	Paid In FY1999	Outstanding 6/30/1999	Due In FY2000
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	495,000.00	31,000.00	464,000.00	31,000.00
WPAT Sewer Relining	1995	0	59,822.00	9,391.00	50,431.00	7,083.00
Middle School Loan	1992	4.55	2,700,000.00	485,000.00	2,215,000.00	475,000.00
Elementary School Loan	1996	4.87	9,065,000.00	465,000.00	8,600,000.00	490,000.00
Combined Maint. Loan	1993	4.25	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Loan	1995	4.80	149,179.00	75,000.00	74,179.00	74,179.00
W.W.T.P Upgrade & Expansion	<u>1999</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,610,500.00</u>	<u>338,138.42</u>
			12,514,001.00	1,110,391.00	20,014,110.00	1,415,400.42

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999

Cash on hand 6/30/98:	\$8,699,866.20	Payments as authorized:	\$33,118,607.87
Receipts:	32,765,611.22	Cash on Hand 6/30/99:	8,346,870.05
	\$41,465,477.92		\$41,465,477.92

Interest Income from Savings Deposits & Investments, but excluding Trust Funds, Special Accounts & Stabilization Account: \$551,718.18

NO FUNDS WERE BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD 7/1/98—6/30/99 (FY 1999)

Account	TRUST FUNDS & SPECIAL ACCOUNTS				6/30/99
	6/30/98	Deposits	Interest & Dividends	Transfers & Withdrawals	
School Funds:					
C. Bridgman (H.S.)	\$14,531.82		\$563.71		\$15,095.53
George Longley	4,897.34		\$189.99		5,087.33
Cemetery Funds:					
Susan Bridgman	1,117.95		43.40		1,161.35
Willard Stebbins	5,789.10		224.56		6,013.66
Vianna Somes	1,997.59		77.52		2,075.11
Nellie Brown	4,662.36		179.20	120.00	4,721.56
Perpetual Care	15,875.06	3,900.00	680.75	4,481.58	15,974.23
Perpetual Care (MMDT)	86,858.32		4,518.57		91,376.89
Poor Funds:					
Susan Bridgman	72,688.03	11,331.81	3,029.84	1,915.13	85,134.55
Whiting Street	46,122.33		1,788.95		47,916.92
S. Bridgman	3,500.00		509,793.51		513,293.51
(Fleet Stock)	Par value not inclufrrf in FY98 totals		(capital gain)*		
Miscellaneous Funds:					
F. Scialla (Clock)	4,492.62		174.23		4,666.85
C. Bridgman (Library)	8,822.12		262.80		4,284.92
Conservation	14,496.64		562.33	1,937.50	13,121.47
Senior Center	11,831.71	30.00	459.57		12,321.47
Pension Reserve	19,823.68		1,031.26		20,854.94
Stabilization Fund	564,626.76		17,036.01	450,000.00	131,662.77
TOTALS	882,133.43	15,261.81	30,822.69	458,454.21	974,736.06

*5862 shares of Fleet Bank (part of the Bridgman Fund) were sold to realize the capital gain of \$509,793.51. This is not included in the interest total above.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Treasurer

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR

7/1/1998-6/30/1999

FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1988 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	101.20	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,586.44
COLLECTED	\$	-		ABATED	\$	1,522.19	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	101.20		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	64.25	
	\$	101.20	\$	101.20	\$	1,586.44	\$
							1,586.44
FISCAL 1976 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1989 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	234.60	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	2,474.41
COLLECTED	\$	-		ABATED	\$	2,295.81	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	234.60		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	178.60	
	\$	234.60	\$	234.60	\$	2,474.41	\$
							2,474.41
FISCAL 1979 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1990 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	891.48	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	252.29
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	94.85	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	891.48		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	157.44	
	\$	891.48	\$	891.48	\$	252.29	\$
							252.29
FISCAL 1980 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1991 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	957.60	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,186.16
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	957.60		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,186.16	
	\$	957.60	\$	957.60	\$	1,186.16	\$
							1,186.16
FISCAL 1981 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1992 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	792.40	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	312.86
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	792.40		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	312.86	
	\$	792.40	\$	792.40	\$	312.86	\$
							312.86
FISCAL 1982 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1993 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,163.14	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	536.62
COLLECTED	\$	-		ABATED	\$	105.98	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,163.14		COLLECTED	\$	380.12	
	\$	1,163.14	\$	1,163.14	\$	50.52	
					\$	536.62	\$
							536.62
FISCAL 1984 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1994 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	72.59	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	2,994.56
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	880.42	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	72.59		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	2,114.14	
	\$	72.59	\$	72.59	\$	2,994.56	\$
							2,994.56
FISCAL 1987 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1995 REAL ESTATE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	4.39	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	17,261.08
ABATED	\$	4.39		COMMITTED FOR COLL		\$	4,220.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	-		TAX TITLE	\$	1,799.59	
	\$	4.39	\$	4.39	\$	3,287.95	
				COLLECTED	\$	7,555.19	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	8,838.35	
					\$	21,481.08	\$
							21,481.08

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FISCAL 1996 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1990 PERS. PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	86,235.71	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	2,707.93
COMMITTED FOR COLL		\$	4,220.00	COLLECTED	\$	262.49	
TAX TITLE	\$	11,872.92		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	2,445.44	
ABATED	\$	3,465.53			\$	2,707.93	\$ 2,707.93
COLLECTED	\$	55,929.26					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	19,188.00		FISCAL 1991 PERS. PROP			
	\$	90,455.71	\$ 90,455.71	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,349.29
				COLLECTED	\$	137.80	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,211.49	
					\$	1,349.29	\$ 1,349.29
FISCAL 1997 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1992 PERS. PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	157,137.71	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	2,118.98
REFUNDED		\$	572.42	COLLECTED	\$	63.62	
TAX TITLE	\$	14,666.91		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	2,055.36	
COLLECTED	\$	70,120.54			\$	2,118.98	\$ 2,118.98
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	72,922.68					
	\$	157,710.13	\$ 157,710.13				
				FISCAL 1993 PERS. PROP			
FISCAL 1998 REAL ESTATE				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	3,975.75
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	532,978.58	REFUNDED		\$	5,322.22
REFUNDED		\$	1,202.76	ABATED	\$	5,322.22	
TAX TITLE	\$	123,892.34		COLLECTED	\$	145.74	
ABATED	\$	1,648.02		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	3,830.01	
COLLECTED	\$	234,384.76			\$	9,297.97	\$ 9,297.97
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	174,256.22					
	\$	534,181.34	\$ 534,181.34	FISCAL 1994 PERS. PROP			
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	8,421.05
				REFUNDED		\$	7,138.10
FISCAL 1999 REAL ESTATE				ABATED	\$	7,138.10	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	4,849,564.10	COLLECTED	\$	2,003.96	
COMMITTED FOR COLL		\$	5,057,258.87	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	6,417.09	
REFUNDED		\$	45,219.60		\$	15,559.15	\$ 15,559.15
DEFERRED TAX	\$	2,755.63		FISCAL 1995 PERS. PROP			
ABATED	\$	57,152.11		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	9,230.17
COLLECTED	\$	9,465,064.82		COLLECTED	\$	1,339.93	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	427,070.01		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	7,890.24	
	\$	9,952,042.57	\$ 9,952,042.57		\$	9,230.17	\$ 9,230.17
FISCAL 2000 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1996 PERS. PROP			
COMMITTED FOR COLL		\$	5,082,821.39	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	13,174.79
COLLECTED	\$	29,361.05		REFUNDED		\$	11,332.72
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	5,053,460.34		ABATED	\$	11,332.72	
	\$	5,082,821.39	\$ 5,082,821.39	COLLECTED	\$	378.96	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	12,795.83	
FISCAL 1988 PERS. PROP					\$	24,507.51	\$ 24,507.51
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	328.64				
COLLECTED	\$	-		FISCAL 1997 PERS. PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	328.64		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	9,769.30
	\$	328.64	\$ 328.64	REFUNDED		\$	13,511.02
				ABATED	\$	13,450.88	
FISCAL 1989 PERS. PROP				COLLECTED	\$	3,536.58	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	421.94	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	6,292.86	
COLLECTED	\$	-			\$	23,280.32	\$ 23,280.32
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	421.94					
	\$	421.94	\$ 421.94				

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FISCAL 1998 PERS. PROP				1988 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	9,329.14	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	279.00
REFUNDED		\$	17,715.00	COLLECTED	\$	-	
ABATED	\$	17,589.45		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	279.00	
COLLECTED	\$	4,792.44			\$	279.00	\$ 279.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	4,662.25					
	\$	27,044.14	\$ 27,044.14	1989 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	68.00
FISCAL 1999 PERS. PROP				COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	106,406.86	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	68.00	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	119,225.26		\$	68.00	\$ 68.00
REFUNDED		\$	680.17				
ABATED	\$	94.55		1990 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
COLLECTED	\$	218,927.40		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	263.50
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	7,290.34		COLLECTED	\$	-	
	\$	226,312.29	\$ 226,312.29	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	263.50	
					\$	263.50	\$ 263.50
FISCAL 2000 PERS. PROP				1991 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	113,926.88	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	246.50
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	113,926.88		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	246.50	
	\$	113,926.88	\$ 113,926.88		\$	246.50	\$ 246.50
				1992 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
1983 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	230.50
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	107.50	COLLECTED	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	230.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	107.50			\$	230.50	\$ 230.50
	\$	107.50	\$ 107.50				
				1993 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
1984 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,146.38
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	148.50	COLLECTED	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,146.38	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	148.50			\$	1,146.38	\$ 1,146.38
	\$	148.50	\$ 148.50				
				1994 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
1985 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,142.66
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	115.50	COLLECTED	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,142.66	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	115.50			\$	1,142.66	\$ 1,142.66
	\$	115.50	\$ 115.50				
				1995 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
1986 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	171.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	59.00	COLLECTED	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	171.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	59.00			\$	171.00	\$ 171.00
	\$	59.00	\$ 59.00				
				1996 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
1987 FARM ANIMAL EXC				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	653.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	59.00	COLLECTED	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	653.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	59.00			\$	653.00	\$ 653.00
	\$	59.00	\$ 59.00				

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1997 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1999 SEWER CHARGES					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,550.00	COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	95,867.72		
COLLECTED	\$	1,265.50		REFUNDED		\$	16.51		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	284.50		ABATED	\$	108.25			
	\$	1,550.00	\$	1,550.00	COLLECTED	\$	72,733.75		
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	23,042.23			
					\$	95,884.23	\$	95,884.23	
1998 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE									
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	1,569.25	1996 DAIGLE WELL BETT.					
COLLECTED	\$	520.50		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	1,398.50		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,048.75		COLLECTED	\$	1,398.50			
	\$	1,569.25	\$	1,569.25	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	-		
					\$	1,398.50	\$	1,398.50	
1995 SEWER LIENS				1997 DAIGLE WELL BETT.					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	39.87	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	2,319.43		
COLLECTED	\$	39.87		COLLECTED	\$	1,445.74			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	873.69			
	\$	39.87	\$	39.87		\$	2,319.43	\$	2,319.43
1996 SEWER LIENS				1998 DAIGLE WELL BETT.					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	653.83	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	3,659.26		
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT		\$	452.45	TAX TITLE	\$	538.55			
COLLECTED	\$	1,106.28		COLLECTED	\$	1,858.21			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,262.50			
	\$	1,106.28	\$	1,106.28		\$	3,659.26	\$	3,659.26
1997 SEWER LIENS				1999 DAIGLE WELL BETT.					
OUTSTANDING 6/10/1998		\$	2,224.33	COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	37,113.20		
TAX TITLE	\$	752.85		COLLECTED	\$	34,440.09			
COLLECTED	\$	622.32		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	2,673.11			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	849.16			\$	37,113.20	\$	37,113.20	
	\$	2,224.33	\$	2,224.33	BETTERMENT IN ADVANCE				
1998 SEWER LIENS				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	196.04		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	2,125.28	COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	13,043.74		
TAX TITLE	\$	829.01		COLLECTED	\$	13,239.78			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	1,296.27		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	-			
	\$	2,125.28	\$	2,125.28		\$	13,239.78	\$	13,239.78
1997 SEWER CHARGES				1993 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC					
SUBS: 1999 SEWER LIENS				OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	6,451.23		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	23,610.25	AUDIT ADJUSTMENT		\$	22.00		
COMMITTED INTEREST		\$	1,629.98	ABATED	\$	6,268.75			
COLLECTED	\$	22,417.82		COLLECTED	\$	204.48			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	2,822.41		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	-			
	\$	25,240.23	\$	25,240.23		\$	6,473.23	\$	6,473.23
1998 SEWER CHARGES				1994 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	30,311.26	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998		\$	8,061.40		
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	169,961.93	REFUNDED		\$	95.50		
ABATED	\$	895.72		ABATED	\$	28.13			
COLLECTED	\$	172,584.86		COLLECTED	\$	950.52			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	26,792.61		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	7,178.25			
	\$	200,273.19	\$	200,273.19		\$	8,156.90	\$	8,156.90

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1995 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	7,924.44	
REFUNDED	\$	92.93	
ABATED	\$	27.50	
COLLECTED	\$	2,550.44	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	5,439.43	
	\$	8,017.37	\$ 8,017.37

1999 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	761,449.01	
REFUNDED	\$	3,898.61	
ABATED	\$	21,199.07	
COLLECTED	\$	622,338.02	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	121,810.53	
	\$	765,347.62	\$ 765,347.62

1996 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	10,840.70	
REFUNDED	\$	171.50	
ABATED	\$	133.75	
COLLECTED	\$	3,953.18	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	6,925.27	
	\$	11,012.20	\$ 11,012.20

MISCELLANEOUS REC.

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	96,502.15	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	42,480.54	
ABATED	\$	48,303.93	
COLLECTED	\$	39,670.18	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	51,008.58	
	\$	138,982.69	\$ 138,982.69

1997 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	21,255.25	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	4,932.28	
REFUNDED	\$	64.06	
ABATED	\$	453.23	
COLLECTED	\$	14,613.69	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	11,184.67	
	\$	26,251.59	\$ 26,251.59

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	48,950.52	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	187,845.54	
REFUNDED	\$	1,559.89	
ABATED	\$	29,655.43	
COLLECTED	\$	154,128.29	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	54,572.23	
	\$	238,355.95	\$ 238,355.95

1998 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	109,515.90	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	196,701.18	
REFUNDED	\$	8,491.57	
ABATED	\$	20,001.55	
COLLECTED	\$	275,559.13	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	19,147.97	
	\$	314,708.65	\$ 314,708.65

MISC. SEWER ACCOUNTS

COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	12,000.00	
COLLECTED	\$	12,000.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1998	\$	-	
	\$	12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

TOTAL COLLECTIONS

JULY 1, 1998-JUNE 30, 1999

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES	\$	11,378,872.79
MISCELLANEOUS ACC	\$	166,128.29
INTEREST & FEES	\$	116,571.33
	\$	11,661,572.41

COLLECTOR TURNOV	\$	11,495,444.12
MISCELLANEOUS ACC	\$	166,128.29
	\$	11,661,572.41

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

William R. Barnett

WILLIAM R. BARNETT
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STATISTICS**

1998 VITAL STATISTICS RECEIVED AFTER
FILING OF LAST YEAR'S REPORT

BIRTHS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Greenfield	1	0
Springfield	4	5
Northampton	0	2
Ware	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	6	7

NO ADDITIONAL MARRIAGES

DEATHS

<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
3	1

Residents of Belchertown	4
Non-Residents	<u>0</u>
	4

<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Springfield	2
Greenfield	1
Amherst	1

1999

BIRTHS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Holyoke	3	5
Ware	6	7
Springfield	45	33
Northampton	33	28
Worcester	2	0
New Bedford	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	89	74

MARRIAGES

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Resident	50	48
Non-Resident	7	9
	57	57

Married in Belchertown:	28
Married Out-of-Town:	29

DEATHS

MALES:	38
FEMALES:	<u>41</u>
	79

Residents of Belchertown:	76
Non-residents:	<u>3</u>
	79

PLACE OF DEATH **NO.**

Belchertown	21
Northampton	5
Chicopee	1
Ware	5
Holyoke	5
Hadley	6
Palmer	5
Springfield	16
Westfield	1
Wilbraham	1
Amherst	6
West Brookfield	1
Worcester	1
East Longmeadow	1
South Hadley	<u>4</u>
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FINANCIAL

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	\$9,630.45	745
Sporting Administrative Fees	286.00	(included in above)
Dog Licenses (Gross)	10,774.00	1644
B-M-D Certified Copies	2,687.00	536
B-M-D Abstracts	20.00	5
Marriage Intentions	580.00	58
UCC & Terminations	1,941.40	221
Pole Orders	360.00	18
Sale of Zoning Bylaws & Subdivision Regs.	825.00	33
Planning Board Fees	3,365.25	49
Board of Appeals Fees	1,000.00	10
Sale of Conservation Trail Maps	106.00	106
Fuel & Gas Registrations	35.00	14
Business Registration	690.00	69
Raffle Permits	130.00	13
Sale of Street Lists	240.00	16
Voter ID Cards	25.00	5
Homestead Filings	60.00	6
Parking Citations/Fines	95.00	5
Historic District Filings	25.00	1
Burial Permits	315.00	21
Dog Fines/Fees	970.00	70
Smoking Violations	300.00	5
Rent Control Hearing	100.00	1
Voter Info. Disk	60.30	2
Miscellaneous Sales	<u>129.99</u>	<u>71</u>
	\$34, 750.39	3724

PAYMENTS TO:

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife -	9,476.50
Town of Belchertown	<u>25,273.89</u>
	34,750.39

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 1999 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

During 1999, the Board of Assessors experienced personnel changes on the Board as Deborah Sammataro replaced Janise Fitzpatrick. The Assessors want to thank Janise for her service to the Town, and looks forward to working with Deborah.

Because of sound fiscal management, Belchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. Important figures in establishing the FY99 budget included:

Total Taxable Value	\$569,261,400
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$23,447,173
Est. Receipts/Revenue Sources	\$13,738,287
Tax Levy	\$10,155,623
Levy Limit	\$10,031,376
New Growth	\$314,296
FY99 Tax Rate	\$17.84

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. After the Assessors made the recommendation at Town Meeting, changes in the widowed and disabled veteran exemptions were adopted making it easier for residents to qualify. Also adopted at Town Meeting was legislation that allows the Assessors to value "new construction" up to six months earlier. This legislation will result in new homes being added to the tax rolls at a quicker pace.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors, along with the entire Assessing staff, are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors,

Michael Forgue, Chairman
Sam Joyal, Vice Chairman
Deborah Sammataro, Clerk

CIVIL DEFENSE

The year 1999 successfully ended with no major public safety emergencies requiring use of the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan. This plan, which covers manmade/natural disasters, coordinates all town agencies in the event of a public safety emergency.

The year 2000, I believe, marks a major turning point in Public Safety for the Town of Belchertown. With the construction of a new Fire Headquarters and soon to be completed Police Headquarters, and coupled with the growing population, emphasis must be placed on providing a fully functional emergency operations center. This center, which could be located in the soon to be vacant old Police Station, would be used to coordinate all town functions in the event of a town wide emergency. In the near future, I will be submitting this proposal to the Selectmen for consideration.

As in the past, the Civil Defense Committee members continue to upgrade their emergency response skills and are a dedicated group of professionals. They are proud to serve the citizens of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Elliott Jr.
Civil Defense Director

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY (as of June 30, 1999)

The Library is located at 19 South Main Street. Our regular hours of operation include Monday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday

through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 5 :00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Please call the Library at 323-0417 for summer hours beginning July 1st and running through Labor Day.



*November 6, 1999
Dedication of Wheelchair Accessible
Ramp and Elevator*

Photograph provided by Dorothy O. Carmody

Clapp Memorial Library Patron Registration: Library cards are available to all Belchertown residents 5 years of age and older. Juvenile patrons, those from 5 years old through grade 8, must have their parent or guardian sign their registration.

Fees: All public library services are **FREE**. Patrons are asked to cover the costs inherent in some library activities, i.e. producing copies, computer printouts, etc.

I. THE PRIMARY SERVICE ROLES OF THE CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY INCLUDE:

1. Providing popular materials (for reading, listening and viewing) to adults and children.
2. Providing materials and information to students engaged in formal education programs offered by public/private schools, colleges and other formal programs of study.

3. Providing materials and information to satisfy the needs and interests of independent learners.
4. Providing information about community activities and resources, meeting space for community groups, and other services which make the Clapp Memorial Library and important community resource and focal point.

II. FY99 FUNDING

1. Our FY99 basic municipal appropriation came to of \$181,837. This figure represents but a 4.5% increase above the FY98 appropriation (\$173,667.00). The grand total of our municipal appropriation, however, came to \$216,921.00. This includes a \$35,084.00 for the Library's transition to the C/W MARS Library Network System. The total FY99 municipal appropriation represents a 19.4% increase above the FY98 appropriation. The patrons and staff of the Clapp Memorial Library are indebted to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their generous support.

The FY99 Library budget represents approximately .94% of the entire municipal budget (.83% FY98). The FY98 state average was 1.25% with an average per-capita expenditure of \$18.79. At a population of approximately 13,000 the FY99 per-capita library expenditure for Belchertown came to \$16.69 (FY98-\$14.18).

We were able to supplement our budget with funds from a variety of sources which included:

• Library Board of Trustees:	\$26,498.00
• State Grants	11,637.00
• Friends of the Library	11,637.00
• Arts Council:	445.00
• Eastern Communities Partnership Grant	2,200.00
Total	\$51,469.00

2. Total FY99 Funds Available to the Library:
 - Total FY99 Municipal \$216,921.00
Appropriation
 - Total FY99 Additional 54,469.00
Sources of Income
 - **FY99 GRAND TOTAL** \$268,390.00

III. FY99 CIRCULATION

TOTALS=148,176

1. Our FY99 circulation figure was approximately 3.4% greater than our FY98 level. This figure included 2,341 items from other libraries via Interlibrary Loan. Our FY99 per-capita circulation equaled 12.6; the FY98 state average was 9.5.

IV. FY99 COLLECTION FIGURES:

1. Our collection includes 24,387 items. The State average is 56,346. Our holdings per-capita equals 1.91, while the State average is 4.61. During FY99 the collection had a net gain of 1,983 items.

2. COLLECTION MATERIALS CATEGORIES:

Print Materials	Adult/YA	Child- ren's	Total
Volumes of books	12,573	8,093	20,660
Volumes of serials (combined total)			304
		Total	20,964
Non-print Materials	Adult	Child- ren's	Total
Audio cassettes	322	13	
Video cassettes/ Discs	1,405	960	2,365
Compact discs (music) (combined total)			475
CD ROMS	29	59	88
Miscellaneous (combined total)			160
		Total	3,423
Print subscriptions			99

V. NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF FY99:

There were a number of noteworthy developments at the Clapp Memorial Library in FY99.

1. BUDGET, GRANTS AND GIFTS:

- A. By maintaining the standards for quality public library service set by the State, the Library won \$11,637 in State grants.

2. CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

- A. Children's Services Librarian Jennifer Whitehead and her Assistant Mary Senecal have followed the success of FY98 with even greater success in FY99. Nearly 7,100 children and their families attended more than 194 programs developed and presented by Children's Services.

- B. Throughout the year, Belchertown's children borrowed more than 70,000 items from the Clapp Memorial Library. Belchertown's FY99 average per-capita circulation for children under 17 years was 25.7 items .

3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- A. The successes enjoyed by our Children's Services Librarian Jennifer Whitehead and her assistant Mary Senecal were many and varied.
- B. Both Jennifer and Mary work closely with our Elementary, Middle and Junior High Schools promoting and presenting a wide variety of programs which they offer here at the Library, or in partnership with various school organizations.
- C. Jennifer has offered her time and talents to Belchertown's Home Day Care Providers and Preschools. Those involved in the Home School phenomenon have also had the benefit of her attentions. Finally, Jennifer is a member of the Belchertown Family Center Planning Committee.

- D. Nancy McConnell continued to provide home delivery of library materials for patrons who are unable to visit us at the Library. Throughout FY99 Nancy made semi-monthly deliveries to eight Belchertown homes.
- E. Doris Dickinson of the Belchertown Historical Association and Library Director Owen Maloney have begun a project charting the history and development of the Belchertown State School, and how it has influenced the growth of Belchertown in the 20th Century. A research document will be made available to the community before the close of 2000. Cliff McCarthy has been the project videographer, and Ariel Lareau has been the research assistant. Both the Clapp Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Belchertown Historical Association have contributed \$500 each to fund this research project.

4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

- A. Continuing Education remains a priority among all members of the staff of the Clapp Memorial Library. While the Library maintains a comparatively small but contemporary and focused collection, and an extensive schedule of very popular children's programs, your Library will continue to incorporate new technologies into its range of patron services. Staff members must routinely upgrade their skills in this area if we are to continue our tradition of providing friendly, courteous and competent patron service.
1. The great majority of our continuing education opportunities are offered at no cost by organizations such as the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System and the C/W MARS Library Network.

2. Funding for continuing education opportunities through accredited institutions has been provided by the Town, by the Library Board of Trustees and from the Library's Daily receipts. All such classes are attended by the staff on their own time.

VI. LIBRARY HAPPENINGS FY99:

1. STAFF DIRECTED ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

- A. Each month Nancy McConnell and Ann Biron welcomed nearly 20 patrons to a pair of book discussion groups--The Biblioholics and the Clapp Critics.
- B. In FY99 your Clapp Memorial Library Fiction Collection included more than 4,000 items.

2. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FESTIVITIES:

- A. The Spring Festival and the Autumn Book & Bake Sale/Scare Crow Stuffing event were held. Each year more and more books are donated, more and more people attend, and more and more money is raised for the Library Programs and Services.
- B. There are so many tantalizing events held here at the Library each year, but none are as sweet as the Friends Annual Chocolate Night.

3. EVENTS, SHOWS, ETC.

- A. Mike Hurst offered his "Keys To Personal Financial Freedom" seminar series.
- B. Chuck Myers has also offered a series of personal finance programs entitled "Productive Strategies for Today's Investor."

4. BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

A. The Library won a \$272,500 Community Development Block Grant for the construction of the Handicapped Accessible Library Entrance. The project was begun in April and is expected to be complete by October, 1999. The Town contributed approximately \$17,000 to the same project, while the Bridgman Fund contributed \$14,000.

B. The Library Board of Trustees paid \$17,000 to have the Library interior painted. Rob Hislop (Loon Construction) was contracted to complete the project. The exterior frame of the south stained glass window was also repaired and painted. The quality of the work is excellent. Patrons have indicated that although the Library has always been a pleasant place to visit, its new brighter and cleaner appearance has made the Library even more inviting.

VII. GOALS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE--FY2000

1. PATRON SERVICES/TECHNOLOGY :

A. **C/W MARS** will complete its transition to a new software vendor early in FY2000. This new Triple I platform provides better quality and easier access for our patrons.

B. The Library will develop and administer its own WEB Page in FY2000. As the Library moves more and more into a direct patron service role, this WEB Page will offer a growing list of online library services made available to our patrons. This will be an evolving service.

2. PERSONNEL ISSUES:

A. As the Library becomes more and more of a direct patron service agency staff development and continuing education will take on an increasingly important role. Such a development program will enable

our staff to:

1. Satisfy our patrons increasingly technological library needs.
2. To maintain the readiness and availability of the Library's computer network providing instant patron access.

B. To achieve those goals we hope to do the following in FY2000:

1. Develop and implement a Staff Development Policy. While the Library will do all in its power to assist motivated staff to pursue continuing education, the requirement to remain professionally competent is a personal responsibility.
2. Nancy McConnell went to STCC for an intensive Novell NetWare Administration course. The Library Board of Trustees will pay the \$2,000.00 tuition cost.



3. BUILDING & GROUNDS:

A. The area behind the Library has been decertified as a wetland area. We hope to fill in that area transforming it into a pleasant lawn area available for children's programs and patron relaxation.

1. Concerns of neighbors along Everett Ave. will be discussed before proceeding with any project.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE GOALS:

A. Complete the Five-Year Planning Process. This is of paramount importance if we hope to continue our tradition of providing high public library services to the people of Belchertown.

1. We want to remain a proactive Library anticipating patron needs. A planning document will help us meet that goal.
2. Such a document will also better position is to win state and federal grant funds.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN MALONEY
Library Director

COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

Over the last year, the Computer Department has made enormous improvements to the Town's municipal area network (MAN). At the beginning of 1999, we had two servers and under 60 workstations; currently we administer five servers and over 90 workstations. Our main goal is to accommodate every Department's specific needs, making employee production higher.

Another element the Computer Department now offers is regularly scheduled training sessions to Town employees that have a computer assigned to them. We offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced training in each of the following subjects: Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, and Windows. The training has proven very successful in making employees more efficient, and more confident in completing everyday computer related tasks.

Ensuring year 2000 compliance on all hardware and software in the Town's possession was successful. We replaced some hardware and applied many software patches making January 1st, 2000 just another day for our computer systems. Not a single date-related issue was reported.

Much time was spent upgrading the Assessors' Novel network to NT in preparation for the new Patriot software. The Patriot software is fully up and running, utilizing our SQL. Many new features are now available to the Assessors' Office, including a counter terminal. This counter terminal makes it

possible for customers to print and view record card information on their own.

In the past year, we have added dial-in clients to our network. Town facilities, such as the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Council on Aging, DPW and others, can now communicate with our Town Hall network via phone line connection. This allows clients to get e-mail, share files with Town Hall clients, internet service, and more.

Ongoing tasks, such as daily tape backup, anti-virus protection, and software updates were completed as well. New viruses are created everyday, and to combat that, we need to be sure every client has the latest in virus protection. Our tapes are rotated in a day, week, and month fashion making the potential of data loss very low. We have completed a very comprehensive plan for the Town's computer system that will help us achieve a cost efficient, and dependable computer infrastructure for the future. The beginning stages of this plan have been completed in the Town Hall, and we plan to implement the Police Station, and Fire station in FY2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Pacunas, Assistant Computer Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 87 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 40 of these were Requests for Determination and 43 were Notices of Intent, 2 hearings were amendments to Notices and 2 were for permit extensions. The Commission issued fifteen Enforcement Orders and held three Administrative Hearings, to deal with enforcement issues. The Commission issued three Emergency Certificates, for the protection of public health and safety. Numerous site visits were performed to review ongoing projects. A pre-construction hearing for the Cold Spring Golf Course project was held and construction for this project is scheduled to begin in Spring of 2000. The

Commission also reviewed all septic system installation permits, forest cutting plans, ANR's, site plan review permits, subdivision applications, and Chapter 61 and 61A withdrawal requests.

The Commission has taken advantage of numerous grant opportunities this past year. In November the Commission was awarded a grant for \$205,000 by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, to purchase 116 acres of the Topping Farm property for aquifer protection. The total purchase price for this property is \$310,000. The Commission is actively pursuing ways to fund the additional \$83,000 needed to purchase the Topping Farm located on Orchard Street, Goodell Street and Warren Wright Road. The Commission also submitted a grant application, in December, to the Department of Environmental Management, working with the Tri-lakes Association, Inc. These funds, if approved, will go towards the chemical treatment of Lake Arcadia, for the control of non-native milfoil and fanwort, which currently covers an estimated one-third of the lake. The Town Beach, which is located at this lake, makes this an important recreational resource to the Town.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Conservation has created the Open Space Sub-committee, which held it's first meeting on 8/24/99, to assist the Commission in identifying lands of conservation interest. The Commission is actively working with the Kestrel Trust, a local land trust within the community, with fund raising efforts. The Commission is also actively involved in the development of the Geographic Information System, to assist the Town with mapping and open space and resource area planning. Belchertown's Open Space and Recreation Map, updated and republished in 1996, is available for purchase at Town Hall and recreation outlets in and around Town.

The year of 1999 has been a very busy and productive year for both the Town and the Conservation Commission. The Commission has worked very closely with Town officials on

numerous and extensive projects. The Commission was actively involved with the Sewer Extension project and the new High School project. The Commission prepared the Environmental Notification Form for the Parkland Conversion project for the Swift River Elementary School and also prepared the Environmental Assessment Report that was required for the completion of the conversion project.

Other departmental activities for the year included collaboration with the Board of Health in monitoring the water quality for Lake Arcadia. The clean-up project by DEP and EPA located on the Endelson Property, in South Belchertown, was completed. The Commission is also monitoring the Town of Palmer's request to reduce the Riverfront Area along the Swift River to 25 ft. Since both Town's share the banks of the Swift River, the Commission wants to see this valuable River protected.

The Commission would like to thank the Town's people, the Selectmen, and all collaborating Boards and land trusts, in helping us successfully protect another valuable resource area within the community, the Topping Farm. The acquisition of the Topping Farm property is in accord with the Town's commitment to protect the quality of our drinking water supplies and maintaining the rural character of our community. The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2000 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect even more valuable Resource Areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice Chairman
Robert Stover, Clerk
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Jennie Greene, Commissioner
Hubert Greene, Commissioner
Paul Eurkus, Commissioner
Thomas Keefe, Associate Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

COUNCIL ON AGING

Founded in 1973, the Belchertown Council on Aging has been providing a range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population in the greater Belchertown Area.

Providing a unique combination of both contracted, private pay and informal activities organized by the Council on members, volunteers and staff, the Belchertown Council on Aging is truly a community-based organization.

In March of 1999, both the Senior Center and Police Station celebrated the groundbreaking for their two new sites. Collective efforts to finish the Senior Center by the Senior Center Building Committee, Dept. of Public Works, Town Administrator's office, contractor and Reinhardt and Associates are ongoing. It is highly likely that the seniors will be in their new home by April of 2000. The new Senior Center will afford seniors and citizen's of the Town of Belchertown, enough space for all the current and future services that the Council on Aging provides. The new site will also have a fully equipped kitchen, which will provide both the Congregate and Meals on Wheels meals to seniors in the community. This will be a welcome change for seniors as the nutrition site and Senior Center is currently located in two different locations. The Council on Aging continues to provide an array of recreational, health and educational programs. With more than 20 classes, clubs, and activities occurring each week, an average of 175 seniors benefiting each day, the Council on Aging is a busy and vital organization.



Our Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site congregate, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their home. Funded through WestMass ElderCare under the Federal Older American Act, this program is designed to insure that the daily nutrition needs of seniors are met.

Congregate meals are served in our dining room Monday through Friday and are often accompanied by music or a speaker. During the FY99 period, 228 seniors enjoyed in excess nine, 90 meals in the good company of others! Our Home Delivered Meal Program, distinguished in the state for delivering hot, fresh meals seven days a week, served 176 seniors 30,257 meals this past year. Meals are delivered 363 days a year. The Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of grant money, participant donations, private fundraising, state home care reimbursements, and USDA cash, and commodities.

In May of 1997 the Council on Aging received a new, wheelchair accessible, nine-passenger van which was purchased earlier in the year. The new van was christened and named the "Senior Surrey". During FY99, the Senior Surrey has transported 121 passengers (unduplicated) to 4499 round trip activities. Seniors have enjoyed a variety of activities including shopping, river cruises, shows and much more. Rides are still offered for general shopping and doctor's appointments as scheduling allows. Seniors who participate in the Social Day Care Program at the Center still receive transportation through the Council on Aging. This also includes transportation for other seniors who are transported to other senior day care programs. This transportation is paid through a state home care contract and private pay. The transportation provided under this program is vital to continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care.

The Council on Aging continued its Social Day Program on site this past year, providing 675 units of service to 9 seniors in 1999. The program, intended to provide a supervised, organized, and supportive setting to elders in need of a structured environment, serves a critically important service to the community. The new Senior Center site will afford the program more space allowing for up to at least 15 participants a day. The Social Day Care is a therapeutic program for the participants as well as welcomed respite for the participant's family/caretaker.

The Social Day Program is open Monday through Friday, and features an array of interactive activities, guided exercise, recreation, snacks, lunch, and much more. It's goal is to help support caregivers and other concerned family members whose loved ones are recovering from illness, injury, or who are not able to remain at home alone due to cognitive limitations. The program is funded in part through a Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, state home care reimbursements, and program fees.

Outreach and education to elders through home visitation remained an important facet of the Social Services position here at the Council on Aging. Through these efforts many individuals are assisted with obtaining insurance, housing, nutrition, transportation, and entitlement programs information. Assessment for nutritional risk, home safety, and fuel assistance are also provided through this method.

Health promotion activities remains a vital interest to the community. Health clinics such as blood sugar and blood pressure screenings are well attended each month. Educational forums on benefit information, medication management, local resources, and a range of other topics are arranged and presented on a regular basis.

The SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council continues in its third year addressing issues of health and safety in the community. Over this past year the SALT Council coordinated "Your Number' Up" program. This program provides seniors with illuminated signs with their house numbers. This effort has assisted police and fire personnel to find homes more quickly in the dark. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many Councils in Hampshire County supporting this project. The Council on Aging remains a focal point in the community through these and many other efforts including Food Bank Brown Bag Program, Toys for Tots, and holiday celebrations.

Spirited efforts to encourage the growth in senior activities both in and outside of the center are ongoing. A Flex-tone exercise class continues to be a great success over the past year and a half at the Senior Center. This class is funded through an Incentive Grant through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and donations. The Music Appreciation Group has changed their name to "Up with Swing". Currently there are six members that make up this group. The "Up with Swing" group has been touring and playing various nursing homes in the Western Mass. area as well as playing at the Senior Center for special events. Efforts to coordinate more physical outside activities such as bike riding, snow shoeing and motorcycling and other sports will continue. The Hampshire Educational Collaborative continues to work with the Belchertown Council on Aging and Belchertown Schools in coordinating an intergenerational reading program. The program ran over the past year with a number of seniors volunteers participating resulting in a very successful project.

None of these activities in and outside of the Senior Center would be possible without the outstanding efforts of our volunteers. Each program benefits from the warm and generous contributions of many individuals of all ages.

This past year the Council on Aging was gifted with more than 6,521 hours of service from 130 volunteers for a dollar value of \$41,247.00. We remain proud of the effort of so many.

The new Senior Center will provide 10,000 square feet of building which will house recreational space, computer classes, kitchen, dining area, Social Day Care Program, library, exercise classes and equipment, and staff offices. The additional space in the dining area will afford the space for more activities, which the current site at Tadgell does not. Activities such as Line Dancing, an expanded exercise program, dancing, dinners, etc. are only a few that can and will be provided at the new site. The new Senior Center will also be used as an emergency shelter for the Town in the event of an emergency.

This is an exciting time for the Seniors in the Town of Belchertown. The new Senior Center is a home that the Seniors of Belchertown have patiently awaited and are eager to occupy. This is also a Senior Center that will not only meet the needs of Seniors of the Town, but their family members and the community. The community of Belchertown has shown continued support for the seniors and it is greatly appreciated.

Council on Aging Operating Budget FY 1999

Town Appropriation	197,026.00
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Title IIIC Nutrition Program

Title IIIC Grant	47,270.00
State Home Care	14,433.60
Participant's Donation	45,140.82
USDA Cash	17,936.40
USDA Commodities	22,000.00

Transportation Program

State Home Care	1,860.00
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Service Incentive Grant	2,520.00
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Social Day Program

Formula Grant	6,515.00
State Home Care	8,400.00
Private Payment	5,311.00

Donations/Fundraising	7,462.46
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Total Operating Funds	375,874.28
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The Council on Aging is a Town appointed Board. Members include: Joan Poole, Michelle Ouhl, Theresa Glanville, Jeannette Crowther, Ethel Casey, Marian Panto, William Kimball, Daniel Fitzpatrick and James Collard.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and the Massachusetts Council on Aging.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Council is funded and governed by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The process begins with a "Community Input Meeting" which any member of the Community interested in the cultural well being and education of this community may attend. Once the grant applications are received by the Council, each member is given copies of all grant applications for review. A meeting is then held for the purpose of discussing the grant applications one at a time and to finally vote. The list of choices is forwarded to Boston and the recipients are notified of the award amount by mail from the local council. Serious consideration is given to the selection of projects, which will have the most diverse cultural appeal in the community.



The Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment to the Belchertown Cultural Council for the 1999-2000 cycle was \$6,770.

The following projects have been awarded grants from the Belchertown Cultural Council:

- Clapp Memorial Library Summer Reading Program
Jennifer Whitehead
- Belchertown Art Gallery Equipment
Gretchen Holesovsky
- Primary Schools Puppet Show
Sally Shattuck
- High School French/Josée Vachon
Paula Christian
- Clapp Memorial Library Teen Writing
Clair Baldwin
- Belchertown Fair Committee/Social Tent
Marguerite Brennen
- Hampshire Shakespeare Co./Chestnut Hill
Paul W. Schroeder
- Prevailing Winds/Clarinet Ensemble
Carolyn Miller
- Swift River/Black History
Christina Brownell
- Senior Citizens Concert
John Root
- The Dance Generators
Amie Dowling

Four Pass Grants were awarded:

- Cold Spring Schools/Fine Art Center
Susan A. Brand
- Swift River Elementary/Old Sturbridge Village
Eileen C. Austin
- Springfield Symphony Orchestra Concert
Susan Ingraham
- Berkshire Ave. School/Hungary Caterpillar
Peggy Kalish

The Performing Arts Students Series (PASS) is available to all schools; they need only apply.

We urge and encourage all worthwhile projects to be submitted to the Belchertown Cultural Council. The deadline for the next cycle is to be announced. Applications may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office or from a member of the Belchertown Cultural Council.

The Cultural Council looks forward to continuing to provide the best in cultural opportunities for our community.

Belchertown Cultural Council Current Members:

Gretchen Holesovsky, Co-chairman
Judy McQuillen, Co-chairman
Dennis Conway, Treasurer
Judi King, Secretary
Dianne Magee
Sheryl Jackson
Mary Ellen Miller

EDIC

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation continued its efforts in 1999 of securing ownership, planning, and development:

Ownership

A Purchase and Sale Agreement was successfully negotiated and executed between the Commonwealth and the EDIC. The Agreement stipulates that the property will be conveyed to the EDIC with the condition that there are financial commitments for remediation of hazardous wastes and environmentally unsafe conditions. An environmental survey conducted for the EDIC concluded that as much as \$14,700,000 could be required to eliminate environmental problems on the site. Legislation was filed through our legislators to appropriate this amount. After meetings with the Division of Capital Asset Management, our legislators, The Speaker of the House, and our development partner, a revised proposal was submitted for consideration. Approval will mean that there is a good likelihood of having the property transferred in 2000.

Planning

The culmination of a planning grant awarded last year is expected sometime in March. Information and material developed will help in identifying and attracting appropriate business to be included in future planning and development efforts. The EDIC and its

development partner, the Trust for Sustainable Development (TSD), submitted a proposal to the US Postal Service for consideration of the new Post Office to be located on one of the parcels. The EDIC and TSD continued to examine the feasibility of developing a mixed use project to include an attraction garden, Comprehensive Senior Citizen Community and business and educational uses. Discussions on appropriate siting of a future Court House also continue to be part of planning considerations. A web site is in the planning stages to help keep residents up to date on all aspects of the project.

Development

TSD has given us strong indications that if the most recent proposal to the Commonwealth for remediation funding is accepted, they will begin an aggressive development role. Development continues to hinge on the availability of funds to clean the site and subsequent transfer of the property.

The EDIC's philosophy for redevelopment of the State School property has been to create a "destination" project. A project that attracts people for a specific reason. That reason and attraction must be intentional and well planned. If successful, the project attraction should provide the necessary synergy and economic climate to attract businesses and create additional jobs for the Town. Albeit, the process is slow, but we continue to bridge the gap between the State School's closing and seeing something actually happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Lanphear, Chairman
Eugene Barry
Lloyd Chadbourne
Arthur Fiorelli
Steve McCafferty
Jay Rossi
Kirk Stephens

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

The Emergency Medical Services Department is a scheduled, on-call ambulance service with State registered Emergency Medical Technicians. We provide emergency basic life support (BLS) transport from Belchertown to seven hospitals in our region, including Baystate Trauma Center.

Two vehicles provide service to the Town of Belchertown and mutual aide to other towns as needed: Ambulance A-1 is a 1996 Ford Modular, and A-2 is a 1986 Ford Modular.

Over the past six months, the EMS Department has seen major changes with the appointment of a full-time EMS Operations Manager, who, in addition to responding to emergency calls, is responsible for scheduling, payroll, ordering of medical supplies, and daily inventory of stock. He is also responsible for routine maintenance on both ambulances in compliance with the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and the State's rules and regulations.



In late 1999, Belchertown EMS started an additional service of providing routine, non-emergency transfers to and from local hospitals, Dr.'s offices and residences. This new service enhances patient care and offers a new choice for our residents.

Belchertown EMS continues to be a self-supporting service that operates on a set budget from the Town and all fees charged for services offset the operating expenses.

The staff of the EMS Department has provided over 18,000 hours of on-call service and responded to 725 emergency calls in 1999. This is an increase of 125 calls over last year.

I would like to recognize and thank the Belchertown Police Association for their donation of a LifePac 500 Semi-Auto Cardiac Defibrillator.

To all of our EMTs I would like to say, you have and continue to provide great service and dedication to the residents of Belchertown. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Syriac
EMS Operations Manager

FAIR COMMITTEE

The 142nd Belchertown Fair was an outstanding success to bring this century to a close. As in the past, it continued to be the single largest community event with 38 nonprofit groups participating. The weather was perfect and as a result the crowds were record breaking. This year's theme was "From the Stone Age to the Space Age." The decorated booth contest winner for adult was the First Night Committee and youth was the 4-H Group.



A new highlight in activities included the First Annual Belchertown grown giant pumpkin contest. It was won this year by Joe Tolpa with a weigh in at 22.9 lbs. A second special event was held on Saturday afternoon to celebrate the retirement of Clyde Keys. Clyde has been an official of horse pulling for more years than we remember. A special combined pull of heavy weight horses vs. heavy weight oxen resulted in the oxen, Gus and Paul, coming in first place with a weight of 16,000 lbs.

This year the Committee accepted two resignations from Fran Lofland and Rebecca Newsome. Both resigned after many years as active members. We would like to thank them for their years of hard work and enthusiasm.

The Committee is already at work on the 143rd Annual Fair. We look forward to the Townspeople continued support and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Fair Committee

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Belchertown Fire Station

The Fire Department has had another successful year protecting the town with concern for life safety, and property conservation. Our commitment towards customer service is the professionalism that each member strives for in his or her dedication to the community. This is accomplished by them, their families, friends, and the great support we receive from our citizens.

The Department hosted a building dedication ceremony on April 17, followed by a daylong open house. The day was slightly chilly and the skies a bit overcast, but with the enjoyment brought on by a modern facility to provide services out of, nothing could have ruined the event.

Fire Prevention activities and inspections have continuously increased again this calendar year. This is the result of ongoing residential construction and efforts to increase visits to

local businesses. Being proactive, stopping fire before it starts, is a goal of the Department.

During the calendar year the Department responded to 23 percent more emergency incidents over last year. This could be the turning point where the increase in population and the increasing new construction will overburden our tightly funded department. The request for assistance and services to the citizens cannot be ignored. The mid summer drought brought some concerns as static water sources were drying up all over town, but a combination of publicizing the issue and people being careful, prevented any tragedies.

The training coordinator held 51 three-hour training sessions during the year consisting of live fire burns, vehicle fire and extrications, water pumping evolutions and ice and water rescue techniques. One highlight was the simulated vehicle extrication (Jaws of Life) performed by fire, ambulance, and police working together with TRIAD for the senior citizens of the community.



The Department also teamed up with TRIAD this year for an ongoing commitment to keep involved with the needs of our seniors, and community benefits as well. The Hampshire County Sheriffs Office, along with Belchertown public safety agencies contributed to free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed in homes by Fire Department personnel, and the implementation of a town wide house-numbering program.

Fire Education Awareness is continuously expanding. Again several members took personal time from their regular jobs to attend special education training seminars provided by the Massachusetts Fire Academy on Fire Awareness Education, and assisted with the delivery of the programs within the school district. The Department again was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Student Awareness Fire

Education (S.A.F.E.) program. Spearheaded by John Workman, the last three years the Department has received a total of \$14,000 from these State Grants. Along with local insurance companies this support is extremely beneficial to purchase proper educational material for the different age groups. Fire Education was expanded by an additional grade, and presented to 1700 children from pre-school through sixth grade. The sixth grade also received instructions and a live demonstration from the State Police Bomb Squad on the dangers of "fireworks". Several daycare centers were visited as well.

December 3, 1999 cannot go without mention, every community has the potential for a devastating disaster at anytime with no advance warning. As much advance training, technical support, and equipment a community might have, it is no match for the events of nature. Worcester Fire Department lost six veteran firefighters when the events of nature turned. A Country became completely astonished by the tragedy as it unfolded. An outpouring of support came from all across the country, and for the first time in Massachusetts's history the "State Wide Fire Mobilization Plan" was fully implemented. Belchertown was one of many that responded with fire apparatus and firefighters to cover sections of the City during their crisis.

The main highlight of the Department activities was the involvement with the First Night Committee, to celebrate a new millennium. If people experienced a somber New Years, they were not in the center of Belchertown! The teamwork that this Department energizes towards any set goal is second to none, and one that we are all proud to be part of.

It is very rewarding to recognize the commitment of this Department and its diversity to the needs of the community. To attend a training session each week, respond to emergency incidents as needed, provide community services such as watering ball fields, bonfires, skating rinks, etc. is our way to thank those who thank us.



Old Fire Station at its new location

Deputy Chiefs

Hugh K. Hubbard
James D. Hodgson

Captains

Bruce Officer
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis

Lieutenants

Richard Knight
John Workman
Charles Beaver
Edward D. Fuller

Auxiliary Firefighters

Matthew Rivest
Steven Syriac
Jeremy Gemme
Frank Panek
Melissa Conrad
Jane Bowie
Gina Gould
Ted Covill
Mark Brouillette

Firefighters

David Gay
Max W. Bock
William Shattuck, Jr.
Paul Tierney
William Chapman
Michael Samson
Edward L. Fuller
Gerald Gould
Herbert Wood
Steven Williams
Paul Salvatore
Scott Cameron
Robert Hodgen
Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Leonard Boisjolie
Raymond Robinson
Ronald Beaver
Darryn Beaudry
Jeffrey Scott
David Auchter
Scott Rae
Donald Thayer
John Racine
Thomas Cooke
Matthew Gemme
Mark Lavallee



Types of Responses – 1999

Structure Fires	25
Vehicle Fires	11
Vehicle Extrications	6
Forest, Brush, Grass	51
In Service Response	18
Investigations	39
Alarm Sounding	62
Mutual Aid	9
Unpermitted Burning	3
C.O. Detectors	13
Total Responses	295

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	1983
Oil Burners	246
Propane Tanks	88
Smoke Detectors	272
Underground Tank Removals	11
Permits to Maintain Storage	2
Blasting	12

BOARD OF HEALTH

Communicable Disease Report

The following contagious diseases and animal bites were reported for the Town of Belchertown in 1999:

Animal Bites:

Cat bites	4
Dog bites	4
Rabbit bite	1

Reportable Diseases:

Campylobacter jejuni	2
Chicken Pox	1
E. coli	1
Food poisoning (non-specific)	1
Giardia	6
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis C	5
Listeriosis	1
Lyme Disease	6
Salmonella	1

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- receive and process disease reports
- maintain patient confidentiality
- investigate source or possible transmission mode
- enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- educate to reduce risk.

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Cheryl Trudeau, R.N., from Mary Lane Hospital's Visiting Nurse Association. The Board has a contract with that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health

PERMIT ACTIVITY

169	Disposal Works Construction Permits
107	Private Well Construction Permits
43	Septic System Installers Permits
4	Septage Hauler's Permits
27	Food Service Establishment Permits
13	Retail Food Permits
35	Milk and Cream Licenses
12	Tobacco Retailers Licenses
1	Mobile Home Park Licenses
34	Mobile or Temporary Food Permits
3	Massage Therapists Licenses
2	Tanning Salon Permits
0	Pool Permit
1	Recreational Day Camp Permit
1	Piggery License
1	Bottling Permit
1	Catering License
1	Bakery License
1	Funeral Directors License (Issued through the Town Clerk's Office)
1	Frozen Dessert License
1	Ecology Can Permit

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 1999.

	<u>Belchertown</u>	<u>Ware</u>	<u>Pelham</u>
Perc Test/Deepholes & Soil Evaluations	190	88	11
Septic Application Review (new construct.)	115	43	17
Septic Application Review (repair)	54	26	9
Septic Installation Inspections	161	40	9
Septic Installation Re-inspections	22	6	5
Well Application Review	105	N/A	5
Housing Inspections (upon complaint)	8	20	1
Housing Re-inspections	9	27	0
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon request)	1	15	1
Lead Paint Inspections	0	2	0
Food Service Inspections (routine)	76	11	3
Food Service Inspection (follow-up)	7	14	1

Food Service Inspection (complaint)	1	4	6
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	36	8	0
Nuisance Inspections	5	1	0
Mobile Home Park Complaints	2	0	0
Public Beach Water Investigations	6	0	0
Recreational Camp Inspections	1	2	0
Farm Camp Inspections	1	0	0
Tanning Salon Inspections	1	4	0
Massage Therapy Inspections	0	1	0
Board Meeting Attendance	12	10	18
Total number of activities performed in 1999:		1327	

In addition, 4 meetings of the Quabbin Health District Board of Directors were held in 1999. The Board of Directors is composed of the elected Board of Health members from the communities within the District. The meeting place rotates among the three Town Halls.

District employees serve on a number of committees and advisory groups: Town of Belchertown Americans with Disabilities Committee, Town of Belchertown GIS Committee, Hampshire County Insurance Advisory Committee, and the Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition. An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various Federal and State agencies as well as professional groups. Topics addressed during 1999 included Title V, Customer Service, Food Protection, Tobacco Control, Lyme Disease, Public Health Program Evaluation, Influenza Prevention and Control, and Rabies Control.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge my co-workers: Randall Gauley, Health Inspector; Helen Kutt, Administrative Assistant; Mary

Grenier, Senior Clerk; and Gregory Boyce, Tobacco Control Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM



The Quabbin Health District Tobacco Control Program is part of the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program funded through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Moneys for the program originated through the cigarette tax passed by a voter referendum in 1992. The program has been quite successful on both the state and local levels. Massachusetts is a national leader in the fight for the increased awareness of the dangers of tobacco products as well as the control of such products. The primary goals on the local level have been community education and outreach, cessation services, and policy implementation and enforcement.

Much progress has been made in the Quabbin Health District in 1999 despite the absence of a program coordinator for several months. Community education programs have included health fair appearances in Belchertown, the placement of anti-smoking advertisements in all area newspapers, and working with the Belchertown Wellness Center and Mary Lane Hospital. Literature on quitting smoking and on the dangers of smoking were also made available to all those who visited area libraries.

A free hypnosis session geared to help people quit smoking was held in January at the Belchertown High School. Belchertown also hosted a two session hypnosis class at the town hall in December. Both events were well attended.

The Belchertown Board of Health began evaluating its current regulations in 1999. The Town of Belchertown is already 100% smoke-free but their Board of Health began to review some parts of their current regulations stressing the importance of environmental tobacco smoke enforcement in restaurants and bars.

Twelve retail tobacco permits were issued in Belchertown in 1999. Youth access compliance checks were conducted in Belchertown in 1999, and no sales to minors were made. This was a positive reflection of the retail businesses in Belchertown and their cooperation in not selling tobacco products to those persons under 18 years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Boyce
Tobacco Control Coordinator

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Commission met with property owners within the Historic District during the past year on proposed changes to their properties. Only one public hearing was held regarding the installation of a cell phone installation on the water tank in the center. The Commission appreciates meeting with property owners to discuss proposed changes before an application is processed.

The Belchertown Historic District is an area, with specific boundaries, that has been recognized for its historic and architecturally significant qualities. Any proposed change or alternation to the exterior of an individual property or new construction in the District must be reviewed by the Commission and may be subject to a formal review process before a building permit can be obtained.

Copies of the District By Laws, maps and application forms are available in the Office of the Town Clerk. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission and ask about your particular concern.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Curry, Chairman
Doris Dickinson
Jacqueline Dupre
Christopher Bloom



Photograph provided by W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commission has been working on the Historic Properties survey in conjunction with the Massachusetts Historic Commission. The survey encompasses determining the type of construction, style of the house, a photograph of the house is taken, a map showing the location of the house must be drawn, a title search of the property is done to show who the original owner was. The current owner is listed. Any historical significance to the house is recorded.

In this past year commission members reviewed the plans for the handicap access to the Clapp Memorial Library and the plans to the Milestone Crossing Shopping Center. After discussing the merits of the plan for the library, and visiting the sight, we approved the plan as presented. After thoroughly reviewing the plans for the Milestone Crossing Shopping Center, we felt the plans were good and would adequately protect the historic milestone located at that site.

This year we initiated a program to recognize a historic building in town. For the first building we chose the Washington Street school. With the permission of the owner we installed a brass plaque identifying it as the last intact surviving one room schoolhouse in Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted:

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Christine Harper
Gail Pisacane
Hilary Woodcock
James Chevalier
Vincent DiMarco
Thomas O'Neill

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority has four state-aided projects in administration. Everett Acres, a 48 unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Housing Program, East Walnut Hill, 45 State Street-unit 1, 95 George Hannum Road-unit 7 built and administered under the State's Chapter 689 Housing for People with Special Needs Program, and 45 State Street and 95 George Hannum Road a 12 unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 705 Family Housing Program.



Eligibility for housing is based on age and/or handicap, family size, and income. The current maximum net annual income for eligibility is \$25,500 for one person, \$29,100 for two, \$32,750 for three, \$36,400 for four and up to \$48,050 for a family of eight.

The eligibility regulation for state aided housing has been changed and the former asset limit no longer applies. It was replaced by the federal asset definition. This regulation states that as long as the total income from assets, both real and imputed, and all other income does not exceed the maximum income for

eligibility, a person or family is eligible. This change should make many elders eligible for state aided housing who in the past were ineligible.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay 33 percent of their net monthly income for rent, which includes all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is \$256 per month. Everett Acres is fully occupied and has 12 applicants on a waiting list. We have experienced difficulty in renting second floor units for the past several years. The lack of interested applicants for elderly/handicapped housing and difficulty in renting second floor units has become a problem across the Commonwealth.

East Walnut Hill is fully occupied. Three of the units are leased to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The fourth unit is leased by the Authority to an income eligible physically handicapped person.

Unit 1 at 45 State Street and unit 7 at 95 George Hannum Road are also under lease to the Department of Mental Retardation and provide housing for eight former residents of the Belchertown State School. The rent received covers all operating expenses. The Authority receives no state subsidy for these units. The fiscal 2000 operating budget for the 689 Special Needs units is \$45,250.

The 12 family units are fully occupied. Tenants in these units pay twenty-five percent of their income for rent. They are responsible for their utility bills. While rents are based on each family's income and vary widely, the average rent is \$323 per month. There are currently 116 applicants on the family waiting list which was updated in October of 1998. The two bedroom family waiting list is closed. The 3 and 4 bedroom family lists remain open though we have more applicants than we can reasonably expect to house in the next four years.

The fiscal 2000 operating budget for the Elderly/Handicapped and Family Housing has anticipated expenses of \$204,823 with a projected income of \$197,500. An anticipated deficit of \$7,200 in routine operating expenditures, is due to the expected installation of low flow toilets at Everett Acres. Installation of the toilets will allow for repayment over the next few years in reduced water bills. However, as Everett Acres approaches 30 years of age, we anticipate expenditures for major repairs and capital improvements such as repair to the building exteriors.

The Authority also has the administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Certificate Program. Under this program, the Authority assists very low-income elderly, disabled/handicapped persons or families in paying their rent. Those eligible are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned units that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities and the Authority pays the balance directly to the landlord. The Certificate Program is being replaced with the new Housing Choice Voucher Program, which will allow more flexibility for the participants and the landlords.

The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for fiscal 2000 is \$153,183 with full funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Louise M. Butler, Chairman
Thomas T. Soja
Kenneth D. Nolan
Sally M. Dodge
F. Knowlton Utley

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department completed the year by surpassing the total number of building permits issued the previous year for new single family construction. November

tied the 1998 total of 104. The new total of new single family construction for 1999 was 119. The grand total of building permits issued for 1999 was 547, a difference of 28 more than last year.

Paul Adzima was certified by the State as Building Commissioner and continues to serve as ADA Committee Chairman/Liaison, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Weights and Measures Inspector.

If you visited the Inspection Services Department from April to September you may have met part time office assistant Anne Novosel-Mileski. Anne kept the office in running order while Robin Oey took a sick leave. Robin returned in September. Anne is currently working at the Board of Selectmen's Office.

It was an exciting year for building. The new Senior Center and Police Station have been undergoing constant inspections and are near completion. Other inspections included the alterations allowing handicapped accessibility at the Clapp Memorial Library.

The ADA Committee met every first Tuesday of every other month at the Selectmen's Meeting Room. The Committee discussed the developing of a Policy and Procedure Handbook for the Town of Belchertown.

The Inspection Services Department received permission by the Board of Selectmen to re-advertise their hours to show Paul Adzima available "by appointment only" between the hour of 4:00 and 5:00 daily.

Mike Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector. Other personnel include Electrical Inspectors Doug Rae and Paul Choiniere, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Owen Clifford, Chris Hubbard and David Fredenburgh.

Building Permits	1999
Single Dwelling	119
Two Dwelling	0
Business/Commercial	8
Additions/Alterations/Repairs	175
Sheds/Barns/Garages/Decks	126
Woodstoves/Chimneys	34
Demolitions	4
Pools	42
Renewals/Signs	13
Other	26
Total Bldg. Permits	547
Total Bldg. Permits Revenue	\$72,545.00
Certificate of Inspections Revenue	17 1,200
Weights & Measures Revenue	10 215
Home Occupational Zoning Permits Revenue	35 510
Total Misc. Permits	62
Total Misc. Permits Revenue	\$1,925.00
Gas Permits Revenue	152 6,690
Plumbing Permits Revenue	244 13,205
Electrical Permits Revenue	469 26,860
Total Utility Permits	865
Total Utility Permits Revenue	\$46,755.00
Total 1999 Permits	1474
Total 1999 Permits Revenue	\$121,225.00

MOBILE HOME PARK RENT CONTROL BOARD

The Belchertown Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board moved smoothly into 1999.

Due to the deterioration of the Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative Corporation septic system the Corporation made two separate requests for rate increases.

At the Public Hearing meeting on 20 April 1999, the Rent Control Board approved the rent increase requested by Pine Valley Plantation Coop Corp.

At the Public Hearing meeting on 16 November 1999, the Rent Control Board approved the rent increase requested by Pine Valley Plantation Coop Corp.

These were the only actions taken by the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board this calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Akins, Chairman
Herbert E. Squires, Vice Chairman
Daniel Beaudette
Tracy Steadman, Clerk
Mitchell Vincent

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In July a new Aquatic Coordinator was hired to oversee and to coordinate all programming at our aquatic facilities. Lifeguard training classes, CPR/FPR, American Red Cross Swim Lessons, evening Aquanastics, and Scuba classes were just a few of the programs offered to the community in 1999. The Morning Aquanastics program is drawing a great many seniors to the pool. Over the summer, Swift River Day Camp and our Summer Days Program enjoyed cooling off each afternoon with a dip in the pool. We welcomed back the

Belchertown Stingray Swim Team and the Belchertown High School Swim Team

1999 saw two new compressors installed to help ensure the proper air temperature in the pool area, new stairs were purchased and an automatic chlorinator was installed to help regulate the chemical balance of our water. We saw an increase in rentals with many people opting to hold their child's birthday party at the pool, private schools taking advantage of our facilities and area swim teams using the pool.



In the upcoming year we look forward to increasing our programming by increasing popular activities and adding new programs. We look forward to offering such programs as parent and toddler swim hour offered during the week for parents with children 5 years and younger. A Water Safety Instructor Course is planned for this spring, along with a Lifeguard Training course, stroke clinics will be offered and the new American Red Cross Guard Start Program is planned for the upcoming summer.

The Town Beach had a facelift in 1999. One building was removed to increase the picnic area and new picnic tables were added. The interior of the changing rooms were painted, more sand was added to extend the beach area, the old lifeguard stand was removed along with overgrowth along the fence. A new fence was installed. With the hiring of our new Aquatic Coordinator we were able to keep the beach open over the Labor Day Weekend. Next summer we plan to move the concession stand closer to the beach area, more new fencing will be installed, a swing set will be placed under the trees and a sand volleyball area will be created.

Through the hard work of the Department of Public Works, area teens, parent volunteers, supporting businesses and the perseverance of the Teen Center Coordinator, the new Teen

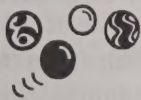
Center opened to rave reviews by the youth of Belchertown on September 1, 1999. In mid-September the Teen Center hosted an open house and a very successful second annual Friends of the Teen Center Auction. Other major events that took place this past year included a book fair, a seminar on violence prevention, a Holiday Bazaar and our incredibly successful first annual senior class "All Night Party". More than 100 young residents from seventh to twelfth grade visit the center each week to listen to music, watch TV, work on school projects, play pool, ping pong and foosball or just "hang out" with their peers. We've started the year 2000 by making plans for our second annual senior class "All Night Party" and a craft fair in June.



In 1999 the Recreation Department increased enrollment in many of our popular activities such as Summer Days, Art Classes, Baton, Take-A-Hike-Little-Tike, Safe Sitter and RAD for KIDS. Our ski and snowboard program moved to a new mountain, extended its hours and increased enrollment. We welcomed back weeklong clinics in baseball, soccer, tennis, basketball and golf. We expanded programs that include adults such as Caving, Rock-Climbing, Canoeing, Scuba Classes and RAD. New programs such as Pre-natal Exercising and Post-natal Exercising were introduced. We welcomed the Town of Ludlow to our basketball and baseball program this past year. We continue to work on improving our recreational sports programs by adding new soccer fields, restructuring our evaluation process, reducing the number of participants per team, recruiting more coaches, conducting coaches clinics, and increasing the number of teams participating in the sport. We plan to continue to increase and improve our girl sports programming by introducing more skills and expanding the program by offering more travel leagues for girls. We had great success

with our 1999 3-4 Grade Annual Basketball Tournament, Golf Tournament and Baseball Tournament.

In the year 2000 we plan to introduce many new and exciting activities for adults and children alike. Some of these programs include; Swing Dance Classes for adults, Children in grades third to eight will have the opportunity to join an Adventurers Club in the spring. Adult art classes are on the horizon. An overnight canoe and camping trip for adults and children are in the works. The Recreation Department will be working very hard this upcoming year on improving the conditions of our playing fields and continuing to make steps to increase the number of our playing fields.



We end this year's report with a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to our invaluable coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers, participating parents, and community members who help us to improve and establish new programs. To the many area businesses who generously donate to our causes time after time. To the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, along with their many staff members who assist us each day. Words can never express our deep appreciation for all the hard work and dedication of these individual.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Opalenik, Recreation Director

Recreation Committee Members

Dr. William Lafleur, Chairman
Mr. Garry Bock, Co-Chairman
Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Robert Chartier
Ms. Nancy Kwiatkowski
Ms Karen Schiffer
Mr. David Whipple
Mr. William Eldridge

PLANNING BOARD

Through 1999 Belchertown continued its now-familiar rate of growth. We continue to be the most rapidly growing town in Western Massachusetts as property values are still relatively low, land is available for residential development, and commutes to employment centers are comfortable.

Development Activity

Thirty-three new building lots were created along existing town roads through "Approval Not Required" plans. These plans are those which divide land along existing road frontage and do not require subdivision approval. Two subdivisions were approved. One of these was an industrial subdivision off Bay Road. The other was a residential subdivision off River Street. One subdivision was issued a certificate of completion. Another subdivision near the Amherst town line was submitted just before the year's end. The Planning Board also monitored five other subdivisions under construction during 1999. Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were also processed.

The Planning Board also reviewed several common driveways and site plans. The year began with the review and approval of a site plan for a shopping center off George Hannum Street. Another major project the Board reviewed was the new High School off Springfield Road. A 150-unit residential condominium project in conjunction with a golf course off Chauncey Walker Road was also approved.

The cellular communications industry became busy in Belchertown in 1999. Four applications for special permits were made to the Planning Board. One was for antennae on the Park Street water tank, which was approved. The other applications were for towers. Two of the tower applications were by the same company on town-owned land. The first of those was withdrawn, and the other was

approved near the new Police Station. The third tower application is for a site off Sabin Street and is under review at year's end.

Planning Projects

More efforts are being made to understand how our current zoning and other regulations affect the town's growth. Research is being done on other variations of zoning which will provide for more flexible business opportunities, while encouraging the maintenance of agricultural and forest land.

The Master Plan Study Committee continued its base work for a master plan. A research assistant was hired to find what information already exists and to summarize the findings. This work is summarized in a collection of data and will be presented to the Town through 2000.

The Town Planner is overseeing development of the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS). In 1999, the Planning Office had the GIS software installed and the Zoning and Assessors' parcel data converted for use in the system. This project will continue several years until each municipal department is integrated into the system.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, frontage lot, or "Approval Not Required", plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the Town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The Board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, and property owners, as well as the general public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, legal and procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

- James Hodgen, Single Signature (term expires: 2000);
- Michael Beresky, Vice Chair (term expires: 2001);
- Elizabeth Chase, Clerk (term expires: 2002);
- James Barry, Chair (term expires: 2003);
- James Natle, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, (term expires: 2004);
- Ronald Akins, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits; (appointed annually)
- J. Arnold Voehringer, Associate Member. (appointed annually)

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The Board thanks Michael Henry for his years of service as the Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits. He served in this position for five years and was a valuable participant in much of the board's work.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Barry, Chairman
Planning Board

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Police Department continued to maintain a low crime rate while working with our community to resolve public safety issues. Special emphasis was placed on school violence as officers combined with school staff worked on initiatives to create a safe school environment. The Department closed the century looking toward the future with a new police building, communications and computer systems, to be completed within the first few months of the new millennium.

While crime rates throughout the Commonwealth are the lowest ever in recent years, certain categories deserve concern. Domestic violence as well as drug and alcohol offenses remain our most prevalent arrests. Three hundred seventeen persons were placed in custody in 1999. This is an increase of 69 more arrests than in total calls decreased slightly to 4,127. Officers responded to 987 alarms, an increase of 141 responses from the previous year. This is an increasing problem as most alarms are either accidental or are activated due to defects. Because of the potential danger it is necessary to send two officers and dependent upon their location requires an urgent response. The Department received 299 disturbance calls which is a significant decrease from 1998 when police were called to disturbances 432 times. Enhanced 9-1-1 calls received at our dispatch center numbered 2,200.

There was a slight increase in accidents for 1999. Police investigated 178 accidents and issued 2,318 motor vehicle citations. Officers monitored the Speed Watch Hotline (323-0100) and established radar patrols in problem areas. Officers conducted seat belt information stops at intersections disseminating flyers to motorists urging them to wear seat belts. A grant of \$1,000 from Safe Roads was used to establish extra patrols on busy holiday weekends for traffic enforcement.

Several grants were obtained through the year which allowed Belchertown Police Officers to work with school staff on school violence issues, and D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Grant monies also allowed the Department to continue Community Policing programs and install mobile data terminals in patrol vehicles.



Sergeant James Jackson taught D.A.R.E. to tenth grade students at Belchertown High School while Patrol Officer Kevin Pacunas graduated 285 fifth grade students from the 17-week core D.A.R.E. curriculum. Officer Pacunas also enjoyed such activities as trips with D.A.R.E. students to the movies, Riverside Park, and Springfield Slamm basketball games.

The Police Department participated with school administration, staff, and committees to create safe schools. The Department is committed to our schools to reduce negative behavior and bullying by establishing a positive presence within the schools and to assist educators with teaching anti crime and anti drug abuse classes as well as monitoring troubled students.

Community Policing programs have expanded. Two Citizen Police Academy classes were graduated in 1999. This is a ten week program where volunteer citizens are instructed by Belchertown Police officers in all aspects of police work to include law, administration, policies and procedures, use of force, firearms training and investigations.

R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) training was presented through the year to adult women and children's classes. Officers work with groups demonstrating and teaching methods to avoid rape. Twelve children's classes were held after school for ages five years through seven years and eight years through ten years.

Children are taught school and home safety, good and bad touch, and how to use 9-1-1. Adult women classes were instructed by police officers and scheduled by the Belchertown Recreation Department.

Lieutenant Bill Zobka working with seniors and the Belchertown Fire Department installed 450-500 signs identifying street numbers. The signs sold for \$5 each and are especially helpful to public safety personnel responding to emergencies.

Another program with seniors entitled "File of Life" provides seniors with magnetic packages, that can be placed on refrigerators, and contains medical and family information helpful to officers if for any reason a senior is unresponsive.

A picnic in July was enjoyed by officers and seniors at the Swift River Sportsman Club.

A technology grant submitted by the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association provided money from the Department of Justice to install mobile data terminals in patrol vehicles. Officers can obtain warrant and registry information and send and receive electronic messages from car to car or through the Dispatch Center. The system increases officer safety and enhances overall communication abilities.

As our Department continues to move forward, we acknowledge that it could not be done without the support we receive from our community, its residents and local government. Our mission is enhanced by Judge Nancy Dusek-Gomez, Clerk Magistrate Jim Bloom and the entire staff of the Ware District Court. We recognize the support of our District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel and her entire staff who always demonstrate to the Department and the public professional service. We thank local town departments for their efforts in assisting us and making our jobs a team effort. Our partnerships with local schools has been outstanding and Health Coordinator Pat Sheridan deserves praise for her hard work in

assisting the Department with Department of Justice grants. All area police departments and the Massachusetts State Police are thanked for their unified support whenever called upon. The Belchertown Police Department remains vigilant within our community to provide the best service possible, thanks to a dedicated group of officers and staff.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

PUBLIC ACCESS CABLE CHANNEL 5

This year might best be described as a year for holding and strengthening at Channel 5. The past five years have seen tremendous growth in number and quality of programs. Parallel to that is the growth in support equipment and technology, as well as the number of volunteers needed to bring the Town the variety of programs now being presented.



The new cable contract with Avalon Communications (now Charter Communications) provides \$10,000 per year in support of Public Access Television. While we do not accept advertising, Ace Hardware, Bell and Hudson Insurance and Realty World-Bay Path Realty have made generous contributions in support of Channel 5. These, along with \$700 from the town, provide the financial resources to operate Channel 5. With these funds, we have purchased new and higher quality microphones, video cameras and a complete editing system, added a new portable recording system, and fleshed out and improved the equipment acquired during the past five years. Quality equipment is expensive!

Human resources - volunteers - make the operation work, and without the devoted commitment of a number of people, the equipment we have would be useless. Hundreds of hours a month are given by folks in the evenings and on weekends. Our biggest shortage right now is in human resources, particularly in providing coverage of sporting events at Belchertown High School during the school year.

While retaining much the same line-up of programs, we have made improvements, based on our mistakes of last year. New programs have been added such as wrestling at the High School, a monthly interview program developed by the Superintendent of Schools, Fire Safety Specials, and some special features, such as the special reviewing of Belchertown's many construction projects, Year 2000 memories, etc, have been developed and presented. "Town Talk", our twice monthly talk show and "...about Belchertown" our man/woman on the street weekly interviews continue to be popular.

The year coming up promises continued improvement in equipment and quality of programs, and, if we can attract and train additional volunteers, more specials and wider coverage of the many and varied facets of our town - Belchertown, will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, Manager

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report

1999 could be characterized as having achieved many accomplishments, sandwiched between a very smooth opening of schools and closing of schools. The School District's student population continued its steady growth, resulting in the addition of both a third and fifth grade classroom. This growth was a reflection of the Town's steady growth, which went from 104 single dwelling permits being issued in

1998 to 119 single dwelling permits being issued in 1999. One can just drive around Belchertown and view all of the new home construction to understand what an attractive community we have in Belchertown. Our excellent school system obviously has added to this attractiveness; something that the community can be very proud of.



Regarding the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System), Belchertown schools fared well and continued to make improvements. The School District's 1999 MCAS results indicated above average scores in 80% of the categories tested and improvement in 50% of the categories tested; as compared to 1998 results. In addition, our School District moved up from an MCAS ranking of 84th among other school districts in 1998 to a ranking of 57th in 1999; as reported in the Boston Globe. Also, Belchertown High School was ranked in the top 30 of all high schools regarding its MCAS scores.

To reinforce the positive momentum for improvement in instruction, all school levels continued to work on integrating the required Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in all content areas and began to take a more focused look at student assessment. In addition, a district-wide writing across the curricula program was implemented, called the LINKS Program. This program will bring a continuity of structure to student writing and organization and should help improve MCAS scores as writing is the major key to higher MCAS scores in all content areas.

Two major undertakings during 1999, included town approval of a new Belchertown High School facility and a new district-wide statement of philosophy about the importance of support for all students in an inclusionary school district environment.

Under the able leadership of Patrick Daly, Chair of the Belchertown High School Building Committee, the Massachusetts Department of Education approved the new Belchertown High School plans and the Town unanimously approved funding to both purchase the land and to construct the new state-of-the art high school facility. The new high is scheduled to open its doors in September of 2002.

A new district-wide statement of philosophy was adopted, which stated that: "Belchertown Public Schools celebrates and values all students, recognizing that everyone can learn from each other and that our school district, schools, and classrooms benefit from the skills, talents, and abilities of a diverse student body."

As you continue to read this report, you will be informed about many of the specific accomplishments in other departments and at each of the school levels. Thank you for your continued support of Belchertown Public Schools.

School Business Manager's Report

The Belchertown Public Schools budget for Fiscal Year 1999 was increased 6.9% over the previous year's budget. The Town continued to contribute in excess of the minimum contribution required from the Education Reform Law of 1993. Additional procedures were implemented during the year to continue to monitor the spending of the school district in all areas.

Robert Lachance completed his first year as Director of Building and Grounds. A full-time maintenance custodian position was added during the year to provide preventative maintenance for all the schools. During the year a list of general building repairs and preventative maintenance measures were established and completed. Major projects completed during the year included the resurfacing of the gymnasium floor and renovations of the Guidance Department at Chestnut Hill Community School, gymnasium door and fire alarm panel replacements at

Belchertown High School, an air compressor replacement at Cold Spring School and asbestos management plan updates at the Tadgell and Berkshire schools.

Maureen Jagodowski completed her first year as Food Service Director. She made menu changes during her first year that increased student participation and followed the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The changes included establishing a pasta and deli bar at the Belchertown High School and offering grab and go cold bag lunches at the elementary and primary levels. For all students, the Food Service Department offered vegetarian choices, an increase in grains, fresh fruit and vegetables, and more choices for alternative meals.

The Belchertown Public Schools continued to provide bus transportation for all students to and from all the schools as well as transportation for special education students. Bus transportation was also provided for students participating in after school activities and high school athletics.

Pupil Personnel Services

The 1998 - 1999 school year was a year of growth and reorganization for the Pupil Personnel Department. As of December 1, 1999, there were 367 special needs students, 122 Title 1 students, 15 students receiving English as a Second Language (ESL) services and 115 students receiving services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in the Belchertown Public School System. The vast majority of these students are serviced through programs provided within the District. These in-district programs include co-teaching models at the primary, elementary and intermediate levels. In addition to the co-teaching programs, we also employ learning centers at the elementary level and resource rooms at the intermediate level. Additional programs include a Learning Skills Program at Belchertown High School, three Early Childhood Programs at Swift River Elementary School and an Early Childhood Language

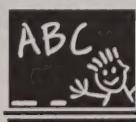
Program, also located at Swift River Elementary School. These programs, plus our therapeutic programs, service special needs students between the ages of 3 - 22 years of age inclusive. Therapeutic programs include Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Adaptive Physical Education. With the assistance of our Integration Facilitator, several students who otherwise would be placed in out-of-district placements are currently being educated in their local schools with support services.

Title 1, ESL and Section 504 services are offered to students who qualify under federal and state guidelines for additional support services. These services are provided in a variety of settings utilizing specialized materials and instruction.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the high quality Special Education, Title 1, ESL, and Section 504 services provided to the students of Belchertown are made possible through the dedication and expertise of the special education and regular education staffs.

Primary Schools

The Primary Schools (Berkshire, Cold Spring, and Tadgell) continue to provide innovative and progressive instruction for all 560 students in kindergarten, first, and second grade. Thirty-four long and short-term goals outlined in the School Improvement Plan have recently been accomplished and achieved. Strengthening and embellishing partnerships between home, school and the entire learning community remains a focus and valuable asset in collectively educating our younger students. A variety of new programs and events such as Quabbin Quest, Caribbean for Kids, Musical Sing-Alongs, Math Madness, and an after school drama club have been implemented to help sustain this goal.



A shared assistant principal position for the primary and elementary levels was created. Mr. Ned Pratt was appointed to the position during the summer of 1999 and will assist in many capacities as well as melding smooth transitions between both levels. An additional physical education teacher, Mr. Michael Spohn, was also hired for Berkshire and Tadgell Schools.

Our primary school staff attended many workshops and conferences throughout the year in an effort to refine and update their teaching practices. Community Service Learning and thematic teaching have been emphasized to help our students understand the importance of being good citizens and giving back to the community.

Safety, of course, is our top priority and many new procedures have been designed and implemented to assure our students' safety while at school. New health programs have also been established to complement this initiative.

Even though students at the primary level do not take the MCAS state tests, many hours were spent by staff analyzing the grade four results to determine how collectively we could improve our scores. Creating various types of authentic assessments and identifying grade level benchmarks were a significant result of this endeavor.

Preliminary planning for grades one and two to move to the Swift River Elementary School in the fall of 2002, have begun. Studying and researching the benefits of full day kindergarten and utilizing the Cold Spring School as a Pre-K/Kindergarten Early Childhood Learning Center have also been initiated to accommodate growth and ensure age-appropriate facilities.

The Primary School Council members remained very active and involved in revising and refining the School Improvement Plan throughout the year. They hosted many Family Festival evening events and coordinated

outreach programs to highlight the importance of family involvement. Members of this year's council include: Eve Green; Parent Representative & Co-Chair, Regina Post; Parent Representative, Sarah Workman; Parent Representative, James Lafley; Community Representative, Susan Bennett; Teacher Representative, Marnie Henneman; Teacher Representative, Sandra Bremer; Principal & Co-Chair, and Barbara Schafer-Bacon; School Committee Liaison.

The Primary Schools have enjoyed a productive and innovative year due to a collaborative effort on everyone's part. Providing a safe, nurturing and stimulating learning environment will continue to be our focus as we look into the future. We look forward to building upon our strengths and success stories so that our youngest students will always have the very best educational opportunities.

Swift River Elementary School

The community of staff and students of Swift River Elementary School were saddened this fall by the passing of our Guidance Counselor, Claudia Ciempa. She was a significant member of our school who was highly respected for her role in creating a vital learning environment in which mutual respect is a cornerstone.

Much of our time and energy continued to be focused on implementing the Massachusetts frameworks as dictated by the Educational Reform Act of 1993. The top priority was to improve our MCAS scores in the area of writing and results received in November showed significant progress in this area. This year, all grade levels at Swift River will take part in the MCAS testing. Grade 3 will be piloting the new Reading subtest. Grade 4 will continue taking the English/Language, Math and Science/Technology subtests. Grade 5 will be piloting the History/Social Studies and Science/Technology subtests. The administration and Grade Four Team will again

analyze the test results and formulate plans in preparation for the Spring MCAS Tests. Ned Pratt joined our staff as Assistant Principal shared with the Primary Schools. He has added a new dimension to the administration of our 650 student school and has increased our effectiveness in many areas.

New safer schools procedures were established including a sign-in and badge requirement; a locked door policy with a buzzer, security camera/monitor system; and a portable metal detector to help provide enhanced security for our school. Our entire school community combine these newly implemented procedures with a heightened awareness of our surroundings. We continue to assure that all the new measures are being followed for the safety of everyone who spends time at our school.

In December, the Elementary Building Committee handed over the keys to our school to the Belchertown School Committee. This event celebrates the formal completion of the building project and signifies the fulfillment of all of the Committee's responsibilities through the many years of dedication to the task. Committee members include: Pauline Johnson, Chair; Alan Weiss, Vice Chair; Sharon Marean, Clerk; James Fox, David Fredenburgh, Everett Hume, Kevin Lucey, Peter Cowley, and Michael Smith.



The administration and staff are currently making preliminary plans for the move of grades four and five to Chestnut Hill Community School in September, 2002 when the new high school is completed. The reorganization will include grades four, five and six at Chestnut Hill Community School. Swift River Elementary School will then house grades one, two and three.

The Swift River Elementary School Council reviewed and updated our school improvement plan, which was approved by the School Committee in December. The year's council is comprised of Lisa Bombard, Parent Representative; Charles Myers, Parent Representative; Susan Lattanzi, Parent Representative and Co-Chair; Dianne Magee, Community Representative; Deborah Jacobson, Teacher Representative; Nancy Kwiatkowski, Teacher Representative; Gary Millett, Principal and Co-Chair; and Kathleen Beresky, School Committee Liaison.

Chestnut Hill Community School

Chestnut Hill Community School continues to be an exemplary middle school. The students and teachers have taken advantage of the wonderful facility, positive program changes, and additional staffing to create a top-notch learning environment. We are extremely proud of our interdisciplinary teaming model and full exploratory program for all students. As the school in the middle, it is our mission to build on the strong skills developed in the early grades and provide students with a wide range of learning activities and experiences that prepare them for the future choices they must make.

Every year brings with it a number of changes and this year is no exception. Foreign Language, French or Spanish is now offered as a full year course in the 8th grade. Our woodshop program has been revamped into a Technology Education Center with a greater emphasis on the technical side of creating a product. Also, a new gym floor was poured late in the spring and is greatly appreciated by all that use it.

We are very pleased with the development of our after school program. The 21st Century Learning Grant of \$34,960.00 and the Massachusetts Department of Education Grant #530 of \$15,684.00 have provided the funds to create an exceptional program. Currently, we offer a homework center that serves 25 – 50 students daily with the support of four teachers,

parent volunteers, and Belchertown High School Students. Additional programs include computer lab, open gym, creative writing, newspaper, a drama production, and a video news show. We are working to expand the program to include the Clapp Library, Stone House Museum, and the Belchertown Teen Center.

A hardworking faculty, great students, supportive parents, and a community that places a high value on quality education share the credit for our continued success. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping to make Chestnut Hill Community School a great place for kids to grow and learn.

Belchertown High School

Together We Make a Difference. This was the saying that the Belchertown High School administration, faculty, staff, and students adopted as their motto for the school year. Together, we at Belchertown High School continue to provide a safe and caring environment where our 550 students can succeed in all that they set out to do.



Belchertown High School received their accreditation report from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges. After a three-day visit from 13 educators from all over New England, Belchertown High School was reaccredited for 10 years. Special commendations were made regarding our Library Media Service Department run by Ms. Maryanne O'Brien and our school climate. Special thanks to Co-Chairs, Mrs. Jane Kubacki and Mrs. Janis Wheeler, for the outstanding job they did in organizing this very important visit. The entire faculty and staff spent over three years preparing for this event and all of the hard work paid off. We continue to use this report to guide us into the future.

The faculty and staff continue to work with Architect Scot Woodin and his staff at Drummey, Rosane, and Anderson in preparation for our new high school. Mr. Woodin has met with the entire faculty and has sought their input on what they would like to see in the new facility. It has been a pleasure working with Scot and his staff and we are all very excited for the opening of this state of the art facility where we will continue to provide the very best education for each and every one of our students.

The students at Belchertown High School continue to make the community very proud with their fine accomplishments in the areas of academics, athletics, and extra curricular activities. The Class of 2001 achieved excellent scores on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The Boston Globe recognized Belchertown High School as one of the top 30 performing high schools in the state. Members of the classes of 1999 and 2000 are receiving acceptances to such fine institutions as Brown University, Smith College, Ithaca College, and Boston College.

Students continue to achieve a great deal of success in our athletics program as well. This year freshmen teams were added to the program to provide members of the Class of 2003 the opportunity to get involved in a sport they enjoy and to be a part of a high school activity. The Athletic Department sponsors teams for both our female and male athletes. We have outstanding coaches who promote teamwork, good sportsmanship, hard work, and goal achievement.

Belchertown High School provides our students with many extra-curricular opportunities as well. There are over 30 clubs and organizations that students can join. Some of these clubs include: Animal Awareness Club, Cheerleading, Computer Club, Yearbook, Video Club, Students Against Destructive decisions, Spanish Club, French Club, Ski Club, Peer Helping, Diversity Club, Humanities Club, Rainforest Action

Committee, The Oriole Gazette, Envirothon, and the Math Team, and Dance Team. These groups as well as the Student Council and Class Officers continue to sponsor a variety of activities throughout the year to get the entire BHS community involved. These students and their advisers are to be commended on the great job that they do!

We at Belchertown High School are very proud of all that we do. We have a very valuable and important history here. We look forward to having a vital and positive role in the new millennium. Together, with the Belchertown community, our parents, Superintendent Richard Pazasis, the School Committee, we do "Make a Difference" at Belchertown High School.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. Membership on the Committee remained unchanged since no terms expired in 1999. The Committee continued to consist of nine members—two each from Belchertown and Palmer, and one from each of the communities of Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, and Ware. Michael Cavanaugh, of Palmer, continued as chairman.

Pathfinder's School Council—consisting of three parents, two teachers, two students, a community member, and a college representative and co-chaired by David LaPierre—identified the following areas of focus for the year:

- Analysis of MCAS test results and planning strategies for improvement
- Participation in programs sponsored by the Regional Education and Business Alliance designed to develop realistic school improvement plans
- School security measures

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre identified a number of curriculum initiatives undertaken during the year.

- The annual house building program featured a 4-bedroom Cape with an innovative floor design and Lambeam construction and included quality learning experiences for students in carpentry, electrical, and heating and air conditioning programs.
- Students and instructors began the 1999-2000 house building program in Granby.
- The Automotive Technology Program successfully completed its five-year review for NATEF Certification and has been recertified in all areas for which it applied.
- The Auto Body Program completed the self-evaluation for NATEF certification.

Pathfinder continues to be proud of its high ranking in technology among schools in western Massachusetts by the Department of Education, and the School Committee is committed to maintaining a leadership role in this important area. Much credit is due to town officials in our member communities for their support of a two-year phase-in of our technology plan. Currently the School is credited with 100% classroom internet access.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be an important component of the Pathfinder curriculum for upper class students. A sample of such efforts during the past year include the following:

- The Construction Programs completed a storage shed for the Ware Fire Department.
- The Auto Body Program refinished a former Palmer Police vehicle for use by the Three Rivers Fire Department.
- The Electrical Department reviewed and planned to begin a computer-wiring project at Palmer's Old Mill Pond School.
- The Carpentry Department constructed a pavilion for the Granby Lions Club.

- Agriculture students landscaped the Palmer Town Building and continued to assist with maintaining grounds at the Palmer District Court.

The Cooperative Education Program developed agreements with several new employers representing several of the School's technical areas. Also, a job-locating agreement was developed with the Quaboag Valley School-to-Career Partnership. This arrangement allowed all area students to benefit from an expanded job bank for job shadowing, career exploration, and part-time employment.

Forty members of the student body elected to participate in the Co-op Program's alternating weeks of paid employment and classroom instruction. All technical areas were represented with carpentry, manufacturing technology, computer/office technology, and electrical fields leading the number of available jobs.

Toward the end of 1999, Pathfinder—along with all schools in the Commonwealth—received the scores from the second round of MCAS tests administered to 10th grade students in May. Scores improved significantly in science and technology. Scores in mathematics improved slightly, and those in English remained essentially unchanged. However, gains were made in moving students out of the "Failing" category, and more students scored in the "Proficient" and "Advanced" ranges than in the previous year.

Pathfinder received recognition in the local, state, and national press for being among the top 20 schools in Massachusetts which demonstrated overall improvement in the MCAS scores. Nevertheless, the School Committee and staff maintain that the test is fundamentally unfair to technical high school students because it affords them no way to demonstrate their competence in vocational studies which comprise one-half of their education. In this regard, both School Committee Chairman Michael Cavanaugh and Superintendent Gerald Paist were instrumental

in drafting position papers for their respective state associations, calling upon the Board of Education to make changes in this testing program.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 656 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 103; Granby 48; Hardwick 26; Monson 98; New Braintree 14; Palmer 120; and Ware 96. The remaining 151 students represented 19 out-of-district communities. There was a noticeable increase in enrollment from member communities due in part to the addition of Granby and Hardwick to the District. This trend should cause a gradual increase in Pathfinder's Chapter 70 entitlement.

During this past year, the Guidance Office, which also serves as the Admissions Office, received 394 applications for admission in September. Pathfinder once again offered a wide variety of opportunities for area parents and their children to learn about and visit the School. There were two Open House Programs—one in the fall and another in the spring. The Summer Career/Sports Camp and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for 7th and 8th grade students continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. The Pathfinder administration is grateful for the cooperation of local school officials in these highly successful efforts.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 1999-2000 school year, 330 were for the 175 available 9th grade openings. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, and there was a waiting list for space in grades 9, 10, and 11.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony in May. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting Renaissance Award-winning students as guests. The speaker for this year's ceremony was 1995

graduate Theresa Graham who is currently attending Western New England College and who had recently returned from a semester of study in Italy.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the annual Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Marie Plouffe, of Ware. Marie was a student in Computer Programming who earned a 3.905 grade point average, was a member of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society, treasurer of the senior class and was employed at Country Bank through the Cooperative Education Program. At the conclusion of the year, Marie earned the Renaissance Award.

At the Academic Awards Program held in May, Daniel Pratt, of West Brookfield, received recognition for the highest academic achievement for a senior. Daniel was also concurrently enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program at STCC where he majored in engineering and earned Dean's List honors both semesters. Dan topped his high school career as the recipient of a restored automobile for his achievement as the highest ranked Renaissance student.

In June 1999, the graduating class of 117 seniors received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 77% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive effect on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$25,000 in scholarships to members of the Class of 1999. Once again, state and local organizations, as well as individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the

form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration, and the graduates themselves are grateful for this support, and they are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former students and friends.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

Following an enthusiastic "Freshman Spirit Week" at the beginning of April, the Student Council sponsored a highly successful 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance. In May, the Student Council co-sponsored the first annual Health Fair in cooperation with Bay State Medical Center. Milton Bradley generously donated raffle prizes. Also in May, the Spanish Class held a "Cinco de Mayo" celebration and, with the assistance of the Culinary Arts Program, created the Mexican holiday spirit through *piñatas* and foods of the country.

The Renaissance Program continued to recognize deserving students and, as noted above, awarded a late model vehicle, which had been restored by the Automotive and Auto Body Programs, to the student with the highest overall average. The Renaissance Program continued to sponsor and monitor the Adopt-a-Highway effort on Route 181.

Through the resourceful initiatives of faculty members Roberta Sarnacki and Ann Blake, a student Drama Club flourished and managed to present two productions: *While Shakespeare Slept* in May and *Don't Get Sassy!* in December.

A Freshman Reception dance took place in September. The Auto Body and the student organization known as VICA held their annual car show in September. November featured a coordinated effort through the Health Technology Program to create student awareness for National Smoke-out Day.

Continuing an annual tradition, students and staff assembled 26 Thanksgiving baskets and donated them to area families, and the Peer Education/Student Council students served a

"sit down" Thanksgiving dinner to senior citizens.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the following noteworthy items in the 1999 seasons:

- The varsity baseball team won the Tri-County League championship' with an 18-win, 2-loss record, the best in the school's history.
- The boys' varsity basketball team was co-champion of the Tri-County League.
- The varsity baseball, basketball, boys' soccer, and girls' soccer teams all qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The girls' soccer team competed in the first-ever Mass. Vocational High School Tournament and was seeded number two in the State.
- Amber King and Chris Gervais were named the outstanding student athletes for the 1998-99 school year.
- Jeff Roy was named to the Springfield Newspapers' All Western Mass baseball team for the second consecutive year.
- Approximately 25% of the student body participated in the athletic program.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Pathfinder continued to support quality and in-depth special education services for 209 students in grades 9-12 and in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). State and Federal regulations require the School to provide appropriate services for students in prototypes 502.1 through 502.4. A recent interpretation of the law by the Department of Education, however, has resulted in a decrease in the number of special education students from previous years. The Department currently employs 17 professional staff supported by local monies. The staff also includes 9 teacher aides and one oral interpreter for the deaf.

Included among the professional staff are three specialists: speech therapist, school psychologist, and occupational therapist. The speech therapist provides services in both small group settings and individual speech and language therapy to approximately 70 students. During the past year, a number of innovations were introduced, including language support groups and a class in cooperation with a reading teacher that helped non-readers learn to cook through symbols and memorization.

The school psychologist provided individual and small group counseling to specific students, focusing on self-understanding, self-control, and improved self-esteem. The psychologist also provided assistance to the Department in the interpretation of psychological test results in order to provide positive and constructive suggestions for both classroom and shop environments. Her caseload included approximately 80 students.

The occupational therapist provided therapy to 18 students in groups or to individuals as appropriate. During this past year, a life skills class was introduced to assist students in dealing with everyday problems which may occur either at home or in school. One group of 35 students was offered a specialized health class, which met three times per week.

The Special Education Department continued to offer an Afternoon Drop-out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142 funds along with other sources of support. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their local high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school with an expectation of greater success.

Special Education staff members provided resource room programming for all major courses offered at the school, including history, mathematics, English, and science. In each case, a major effort was made to emphasize

curriculum material and test taking strategies critical to success on the MCAS tests.

Pathfinder's MVIP Program continued to enjoy strong support from the School Committee and the administration and was fully utilized by member towns as well as surrounding communities. This program offers developmentally disabled students an opportunity to learn job skills and related concepts in specific areas. Currently the program offerings include office business, building services, life skills, ornamental horticulture, auto reconditioning, and food services.

Students in the MVIP Program are taught by vocational instructors with special education credentials. Projects are completed in Pathfinder shops or in the community as appropriate. Students in this program have been enormously helpful in various municipal work projects and have earned an enviable reputation in the quality of their performance.



*Pathfinder Regional Vocational
Technical High School*

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

Fund Code	Program Name	Allocation
240	IDEA Special Education These funds were used to support an Alternative Drop-out Program, provide in-service training, professional development and supplies for the shop and academic classrooms.	\$116,640
274	SPED Access to the Curriculum This project provided monies for study groups to adapt identified curriculum to special education students.	\$3,000
302	Title VI This program provided funds to the school library to continue membership in the Newsbank Computer Network.	\$3,405
303	Eisenhower Math and Science These monies supported professional development for math and science teachers.	\$2,641
331	Safe and Drug Free Schools These funds provided two mentors who work with student groups and also organize relevant activities for local elementary school students to educate them in the dangers of drug and alcohol use.	\$2975
400	Carl Perkins Vocational Education Perkins funds supported a full-time School-to-Work Coordinator for one final year of eligibility. They also supported professional development programs and provided shop supplies for programs enrolling high levels of special populations.	\$62,075
346/349	Health Protection Allocations These monies provided outside counseling for specialized groups, primarily emphasizing the elimination of tobacco use.	\$13,561
609	Technology Training & Professional Development These funds were used to provide relevant training to both academic and vocational instructors.	\$10,020
632	Academic Support Services Program This grant was one of the first awarded under the Department of Education's program to assist students in improving their performance on the MCAS tests. It was used to offer a voluntary Saturday morning and summer program and was open to 9 th grade students.	\$19,642
	Department of Youth Services This program was coordinated with Pathfinder's Afternoon Program. Students under DYS custody attended Pathfinder during the afternoon for vocational training.	\$7,328
	Summer Youth These funds provided paid employment and academic enhancement for 28 students for 6 weeks during July and August.	\$40,686
	TOTAL	\$281,973

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The School Committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities, which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and area school systems, Pathfinder continued to play a leadership role in the implementation of the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act. Among the activities sponsored by this program were:

- Teacher/mentor training at business work sites
- Improvement in curriculum to better meet the needs of area businesses
- Job shadowing and internships for students in grades 11-12
- Utilization of an updated version of "Expan," a college/career search program
- Career interest and exploratory program for 225 seventh grade students.

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. More than 100 youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of two two-week sessions, each of which lasted for five days. Those areas offered were: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer-assisted drafting, food services, and electronics. Career instruction took place in the morning, followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

One hundred eighty youngsters took part in Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the school year. The program operated one day each week and included eight career areas: automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, computers, CAD, culinary arts, horticulture, and electronics, as well as Fun With Math and Science. The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with this program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board to offer a Summer Youth Employment and Enrichment Program. Twenty-eight youths from Hampden County were

placed at various non-profit job sites for the morning, then returned to the school for academic and vocational enrichment. The program was commended for its 100% completion record and for its innovative use of portfolios in documenting student progress.

One hundred twenty-six students from 12 different area schools took advantage of the 1999 Summer School Program. Twelve academic courses and the related workshop were offered. Nine students took part in a "Shop Hour" pilot program. This workshop addressed the non-technical aspects of employee performance, and the curriculum was designed to provide students with strategies for becoming productive workers. Issues such as attendance, tardiness, customer service, working with others, following directives, and being prepared to complete a job task were discussed. Students who do not acquire a sufficient number of shop hours during the school year will have the option of this summer workshop available to them in future years.

Pathfinder's Evening School offered winter and fall sessions, enrolling approximately 225 adults. The majority of the participants selected the various computer classes: Introduction to Windows; Word; Excel; and Introduction to the Internet/Web Design. Additional offerings included Introduction to Machine, Smart Cam, Culinary Arts, Auto Body, and Flower Arranging.

The School Committee continues to be perplexed by the relatively small enrollment in adult evening programs. Expanded advertising in area newspapers did not produce the anticipated results, but the committee hopes to find ways to make this part of the school's mission more visible and attractive.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the staff includes 38 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 24 academic teachers, and 9 teacher aides. Five faculty members—one each in Drafting, Health Occupations, and Spanish—and two counselors accepted positions in other school systems. The school nurse also elected to retire at the end of the school year. In addition to replacing

those individuals, the School Committee approved the addition of one science teacher and a baking instructor in Culinary Arts. Five administrators - three of whom have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and served for the year as president of the National Council of Local Administrators, an affiliate of the Association for Career & Technical Education. He was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, having previously served in that role through 1998. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College.

Dr. Paist also continued service as one of the three secondary members of the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He was selected by that organization to serve on an evaluation team for a hotel management school in Switzerland during the summer. He also serves as chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The School Committee adopted a FY00 gross budget of \$7,786,813. Of this amount, \$6,787,180 was for foundation purposes. The District expected to receive \$2,134,512 in Chapter 70 funds, \$228,000 in regional school transportation reimbursement, \$346,794 in school building assistance, leaving a remainder of \$3,189,479 to be raised through assessments to the member communities, school choice monies, and non-resident tuition income.

Once again, the Committee adopted a budget in excess of the minimum contribution required from each of the member communities. These additional costs resulted primarily from the MVIP Program as well as from the initial year of the District's Five-

Year Capital Improvement Plan. Initially, six of the seven member towns supported the budget at their annual town meetings. Voters in Ware declined to approve their share during the annual town meeting but did so in December at a special town meeting.

Although the amount has been steadily diminishing, the Committee once again faced the issue of "excess debt." For FY00, the district-wide impact was \$74,175. The budget, which was finally adopted, enabled each of six towns to reduce their costs by their share of that debt; Hardwick was not yet affected. The Committee continues to believe that this provision of the Education Reform Law is fundamentally unfair and will press local legislators to at least soften the impact in future years.

The final Chapter 70 distribution and notification of minimum spending requirements were received in the fall after a prolonged budget debate in the legislature. They arrived too late to be considered in the following table, which illustrates assessments based upon preliminary budget figures:



**PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSMENTS 1999-2000**

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	SHARE OF HAMPDEN COUNTY	SHARE OF CAP (1 YEAR)	TRANS- PORTATION	CAPITAL ASSESSMEN T	TOTAL
BELCHERTOWN	518161	39894	3069	24855	30590	34029	650599
GRANBY	270306	39894	1125	9114	11216	14892	346547
HARDWICK	55537	-	716	5800	7138	7139	76329
MONSON	586227	19947	3376	27341	33649	21417	691957
N. BRAINTREE	72539	-	477	3866	4758	2962	84603
PALMER	569340	29921	4058	32864	40446	33593	710222
WARE	384323	89762	3069	24855	30590	23724	556323
TOTAL	2456433	219417	15891	128696	158387	137756	3116580

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The Committee recognizes that in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies. Pathfinder intends to continue its membership in the Regional Education & Business Alliance, an effort that serves as a catalyst for change. It also intends to work with its sister institutions throughout Massachusetts to develop common plans and responses to the challenges we face.

The Committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectation that some of the inadequacies in regional school finance and governance will be addressed. It is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within the District, and to that end, respectfully invites the continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in all of our seven communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown

Gary F. Connaughton, Granby
Harry T. Comerford, Hardwick
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson

Sybil J. George, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Amber Paul, Student Representative
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works completed yet another exciting and productive year. In our sixth full year of existence, we continued to provide quality services at a reasonable cost to the Town. Our normal areas of responsibility are road maintenance, snow plowing, the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, buildings maintenance, grounds maintenance, the operation of the Cemetery Department, tree maintenance and removal, and the operation of the Transfer Station/Recycling Center. Each year we have expanded in these areas, and with our involvement in several capital projects, this year was no exception. Any attempt to list all of the activities within the Department would be nearly impossible, therefore, I will limit this report to our major accomplishments.

Highway Division

The Highway Division was in a constant state of change in 1999. Early in the year, our longtime Highway Foreman, David Barrett, retired after 20 years of service. Consequently, the Division was reorganized to include a supervisor position. Both of these positions were filled by promotions of existing employees. Eric Markham assumed the responsibilities of the Supervisor position, and Walter Bosworth was promoted to the Working Foreman position. Following this, Michael Ladue was promoted from laborer to truck driver, and Edwin Burton transferred from the School Department to the laborer position. Finally, Scott Ingram was hired as an additional truck driver. This brings the total of Highway Division employees to nine. Ironically, this is the same number of employees as in 1993, when budget cuts forced department downsizing.

This Division noted many accomplishments during the 1999 construction season which ran from March 1st through November 31st. Of the 186 business days, 92 of them were spent at the William G. Whitlock Municipal Complex. During the remainder of time, 4.7 miles of roadway were resurfaced and received drainage improvements, 1,420 ft. of guardrail was installed, 4.8 miles of new roads were accepted as town ways, and the Lake Vale Cemetery expansion was almost completed.

Roads resurfaced with bituminous concrete were as follows:

• Knight Street	745'
• So. Washington Street	6700'
• Gold Street	5396'
• So. Liberty Street	5808'
• South Street	4752'
• Franklin Street	1000'
• Bardwell Street	528'

Roads receiving new guardrail installation are as follows:

• Summit Street	680'
• South Street	115'
• Kopec Avenue	90'
• Cold Spring Street	100'
• River Street	50'
• Rockrimmon Road	50'
• Warren Wright Road	135'
• Enoch Sanford Road	145'
• Old Enfield Road	40'
• Howard Street	15'

Work completed at the William G. Whitlock Complex:

- Tree & Stump Removal
- Trucking and placement of over 14,000 cu. yd. of gravel & fill
- Installation of 507' of storm water drain pipe
- Installation of 625' of sewer pipe
- Installation of 710' of potable water pipe
- Installation of 1971' of underground electric and telephone utilities
- Installation of 21 light pole bases for site lighting
- Placement of base course pavement over 5800 sq. yds. of area.

Streets accepted as town ways at the May 10th Annual Town Meeting included the following:

• Cheryl Circle	.37 miles
• Kennedy Road	.5 miles
• Raymond Drive	.17 miles
• Moss Lane	.09 miles
• Brenda Lane	.18 miles
• Blacksmith Road	.19 miles

• Chestnut Drive	.4 miles
• Oakwood Drive	.14 miles
• Hemlock Hollow	.34 miles
• Robin Lane	.14 miles
• Terry Lane	.22 miles
• Pease Lane	.07 miles
• Oakridge Drive	.68 miles
• Rainbow Drive	.1 miles
• Clark Street	.19 miles
• Diane Drive	.05 miles
• Dana Hill	.31 miles
• Martin Circle	.11 miles
• Greenwich Hill	.25 miles
• Azalea Way	.23 miles
• Newton Street	.07 miles

Work completed at the Lake Vale Cemetery included:

- Tree & Stump Removal
- Grading & Filling
- Permitting

This Division also received several pieces of new equipment in 1999. Major pieces are as follows:

- Portable Bail Chopper
- 1999 Freightliner Dump Truck
- Rotary Hydraulic Vehicle Lift
- 1999 Chevrolet 3/4 ton pick-up truck

Wastewater Treatment Division

The Wastewater Treatment Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant and collection system. As a result of ever increasing environmental regulations, the Town was faced with major non-compliance issues. Consequently, the Treatment Plant was scheduled for a complete rehabilitation and expansion at a cost of \$8,294,000. At the end of 1999, this project entered into its 19th month. During this time, progress has been steady but slow. Major work accomplished during 1999 included the construction or installation of the following:

- Headworks Building
- Disinfection Building
- Main Process Building
- Two Sequencing Batch Reactors
- Two Post Equalization Tanks

- Post Aeration Tank
- Installation of Plant Piping
- Extensive Site Work

Considerable progress was also made on the Town's sewer expansion projects this year. Ludlow Construction began the \$477,515 Stadler Street sewer project in August. In September bids were opened for the Springfield Road sewer project which will connect Stadler Street to the Pine Valley Plantation Mobile Home Park. Since that time, a contract for \$548,140 was awarded to Ludlow Construction. In addition, bids were opened for the Pine Valley Plantation Mobile Home Park sewer project. The contract for this work was awarded to Caracas Construction for \$1,388,550. All of these projects are scheduled for completion in the Fall of 2000.



In addition to all this activity, the three employees at the Treatment Plant were committed to producing the highest quality effluent possible. Despite all the construction activities, over 103 million gallons of sewerage entered the facility and was treated, other activities these employees were involved with included the following:

- Collection System Maintenance
- Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- Machinery Maintenance
- Process Control Procedures
- Sampling and Laboratory Analysis
- Planning and Training for New Plant start-up
- Inventorying and Identification of expected sewer line repairs
- Inspection for 23 new sewer connections.

Maintenance Division

The Maintenance Division has continued to assume new areas of responsibility since the Department of Public Works was created in 1993. This Division's charge is the maintenance of all Town-owned buildings with exception of those under the jurisdiction of the School Department, and the

maintenance of all Town-owned grounds, including those in and around the schools.

With the Town's purchase of Parcel A from the State, five buildings were added to the Town's inventory; two of which, Nursery I and Nursery II are under this Department's control. Currently, Nursery II is being used as a Teen Center and Nursery I is vacant.

Late in 1998, the Town's new Fire Station was completed and added to our list of responsibilities, and this year the much anticipated construction began for the new Police Station and Senior Center buildings.

This Division's ground maintenance responsibilities also expanded in 1999. In order to accommodate the ever-increasing demand of its services, the Recreation Department has begun to utilize space at the former State School and the area beside the driveway to the Swift River Elementary School. In addition, the Maintenance Division is completing most of the required maintenance at the Town's cemeteries. It is estimated that our total maintained land area exceeds 150 acres. This is quite an accomplishment for five employees.

Some of the other projects this Division completed in 1999 are as follows:

- Cleaning and Weatherizing the windows at Town Hall
- Installed a new HVAC unit in the Town Hall's Computer Server Room
- Assisted with the rehabilitation of the Teen Center Building
- Painting of the Old Town Hall
- Painting of the Town's Gazebo
- Landscaping at the Library

This division also experienced staffing changes. First, after 15 years of service to the Town, Gus Linde, the Maintenance Division Supervisor, retired. In addition, Michelle Burns transferred from the School Department to assume responsibilities of the Maintenance Division Laborer

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station continued to provide its services to the Town at a reasonable rate. Currently, Transfer Station permits can be purchased for \$40.00 with a senior citizen discount of \$7.00, and trash bags have remained the same at \$1.10 each for 30 gallon and .80 each for the 16 gallon size. If users utilize proper recycling practices, the yearly cost is comparable, if not better than private haulers.



Recently, the Department of Environmental Protection has posed waste bans against the disposal of recyclable and hazardous materials as solid waste. Our facility can safely accommodate the disposal of solid waste, furniture, white goods, mercury containing devices, cathode ray tubes, and tires. We also accept a wide variety of recyclables, that include plastics, paper, tin, glass, cardboard and motor oil. We are proud of our program and encourage anyone not currently using this service to check our prices and compare our services. Below I have outlined our material quantities for 1999.

- 20 tons of plastic
- 392 tons of paper and cardboard
- 47 tons of glass and metal
- 2928 gallons of waste oil
- 400 assorted tires
- 587 tons of solid waste

Tree and Vegetation Control

Once again, this year's greatest activity within the area of tree and vegetation control is removal. Larger quantities of Eastern White Ash, Sugar Maples, Elm, and Hemlock trees continue to become victims of various afflictions. This year's most notable removals were the 5 Sugar Maples on the common that most likely became victims of severe soil compaction. Most of these trees were memorial trees and will be replaced in the future.

Cemetery Division

During 1999 a total of 29 burials were conducted, 7 of which were cremations. Other activities included lot sales and development, ground maintenance and

head stone maintenance. In total, over 70 head stones were either straightened or repaired.

This year the Lake Vale Cemetery expansion also commenced. When complete, another 200 lots should be available.

Concluding Statement

In conclusion, I would like to call attention to the employees within the Department of Public Works. Their dedication and commitment to the Town is second to none. At one time or another, one of these employees touched every area of Town. It is their abilities that make me proud to represent the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

TASK FORCE TO BROADEN THE TAX BASE

In July of 1999, the Board of Selectmen appointed the Task Force to Broaden the Tax Base with the primary charge of finding ways to increase revenue (not taxes) in support of all the many service needs of residents. Nicknamed the "CAN DO" Committee, seven citizen members were appointed by the Board.

Although there are many ways in which the resources of the Town can be enhanced, most feel that developing an increased business presence is key to the future. Compatible business and light industry, developed in off street parks or subdivisions would broaden the tax base while placing very little demand on town services away from residential neighborhoods.

Since it's creation, the Task Force has devoted much of its time to creating an improved environment for new business, while trying to maintain support for existing businesses. New zoning allowing Business and Technology Parks to be created, has been recommended to the Planning Board. The Board of Selectmen have approved the Task Force's application to the Ware River

Valley District Economic Target Area which, when accepted, will give businesses locating in Belchertown tax advantages and State sponsored financial assistance. The Task Force has met with State agencies offering support for business development, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Agency and has reviewed other similar developments in Massachusetts.

On a parallel track, the Task Force has begun an inventory of existing business and industrial zoned properties in Belchertown. Core business-zoned properties exist in the area of Route 202 and Route 9, and again in the area of Route 202 and Stadler Street as was foreseen in the 1977 Town Master Plan. Much of the remaining business-zoned property results from spot zoning throughout the Town, approved by Town Meetings over that past 50 years. Locating suitable business-zoned property available now for lease or development (much of it is no longer suitable due to changes in State Law), the Task Force created data sheets with pictures. Five books were made from the data sheets and sent to agencies in Western Mass which work with business development. The Belchertown web page (www.Belchertown.org) includes the same pictures and data. Efforts are underway to bring these properties to the attention of researchers at the University, and to the attention of business publications in the greater Springfield area.

Some limited effort was begun by the Task Force to identify other ways in which revenue enhancement can be attained. Grants are one way to bring resources to Belchertown, although competition between towns is fierce. Many town agencies, notably Police, Schools, Library and DPW have proven successful grant writers. Recent additions of two cellular antennas will produce some \$1 million plus real estate taxes for the town over a ten year period. Finding agencies disposing of surplus equipment useful to the Town as was done by the Senior Center and DPW, or increasing volunteerism in town provide new resources at no cost to the tax payer. If and when developed, the new Milestone Crossing Shopping Center (Stop & Shop), at \$12 million, will produce an estimated annual income to the town of \$228,000, in addition to services.

The Task Force hopes that in the near future Business Park zoning recommendations will be

approved by Town Meeting, land suitable to a Business Park such as parcels D & E of the Belchertown State School will be made available, and opportunities such as the Eastern Hampshire District Court, and/or the University of Massachusetts Conference Center will become pivotal parts of our efforts to attract desirable business and broaden Belchertown's tax base. Should these events happen, the base for attracting other quality businesses will have been established, and the Task Force will be well on its way towards its goal of broadening Belchertown's tax base.

Respectfully submitted,

Task Force to Broaden the Tax Base Members

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1999 – What a year! As we enter the new millennium, Belchertown finds itself caught up in a whirlwind of technological changes brought on by the continued mergers between media, Internet, and telecommunications companies, and by the ongoing convergence of telephone, cable TV, Internet, and other multimedia services.

While the residents of Belchertown have yet to benefit from these changes, rest assured, we shall. And when we finally do, your TV is not going to be your father's TV anymore.

As for the main events of 1999 that kept us busy ~

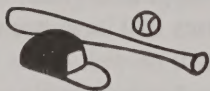
To better reflect the nature of this Committee's work as demanded by the changes in the industry, the Committee decided to change its name to the *Belchertown Telecommunications Advisory Committee*, and a new Mission Statement was presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Various stipulations of the new Cable Agreement with Avalon Cable went into force and were complied with ~

Channel 5 – Belchertown and Hadley had their shared community access channel split, and now each town controls its own programming on their own respective channels;

The annual "contribution" of \$10,000 to Channel 5 was transferred to the Town in a timely manner. This annual funding goes toward the purchase of new equipment for use by Channel 5, in order that they may replace sorely outdated, worn out equipment;

And, finally!! – Avalon brought back the Boston Red Sox!



But, just as we were becoming acquainted with Avalon Cable, and before Avalon Cable had even presented their plans to the Town detailing their proposed system upgrade, we heard that Avalon Cable had *sold out* to Charter Communications. The Town would have to enter into the Cable License Transfer process - again.

The buyout by Charter Communications is seen as a great move by this Committee, as Avalon Partners were viewed by *some* on the Committee as mere "transient deal makers" who did not seem to really have their hearts into providing substantial change for the benefit of Belchertown's residents.

This had become apparent during the Agreement negotiations of 1998, during which there was a tremendous struggle to get Avalon to commit to a greater number of cable TV channels, and to providing high-speed, two-way Internet access via cable-modem. Per the Agreement, the Internet service would be provided *only* per the positive results of a subscriber survey, as based upon a convoluted formula. The Committee had believed the Internet service to be a necessary inclusion within the provisions of the new Agreement, as this type of service was one that the residents of all the surrounding towns were, or soon would be, enjoying. The Committee also viewed the inclusion of the Internet service as a likely prerequisite for any new businesses looking to locate here, especially if they were planning to engage in any type of e-commerce.

Without having the Internet service included per the terms of the new Agreement, Belchertown residents were looking at possibility of going nine years without any alternatives for quality, high-speed

Internet hookups. While the promise of DSL service lurks just over the horizon, Bell Atlantic still has no definite plans for our area, and, what most people do not realize is that the availability and quality of DSL service is highly dependent upon one's location relative to the nearest Bell Atlantic switching office. Most Belchertown residents are beyond the maximum distance from such switching stations, and so DSL will not be a viable alternative for most of us.

As it turned out, the subscriber survey *did* in fact yield the positive response necessary that would require Avalon to include the high-speed, two-way Internet access via cable-modem. However, when subsequently pressed for the details of what our Internet service would be like, the upper management personnel of Avalon, which now spent most of its time in Connecticut on other projects, began to balk at having to provide the service. Avalon was now saying that *if* they did provide the Internet service, it would be a one-way service ~ for downloads only. For uploads, we would still have to use our telephone line, an expensive proposition for those who must pay for a second telephone line to handle time consuming Internet use. The Committee was looking to rid our fellow residents the expensive burden of that second line, and the prospect of Avalon's newly proposed Internet plan was looking more costly and less efficient than our current choices for logging onto the Internet – ISPs such as SamNet, Javanet, or AOL – and much more so versus doing so via *two-way* cable-modem.

As 1999 went on, it also became impossible for us to get accurate updates about Avalon's plans for the system upgrade from the owners and upper management of Avalon - they simply became unresponsive. Even the employees working in the local cable office were kept in the dark.

And, more problems were brewing...

A rift had developed between Avalon Partners and the management-residents of the Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative. While the Town had negotiated a new nine-year Agreement with Amrac ~ Avalon, the renegotiation of a separate, but equally important, contract was ignored. We must state that the contract between Amrac and Pine

Valley is a totally independent contract between two private parties that in no way directly involved neither the Town nor this Committee – but the relevance of its impact upon the Town would soon become evident, forcing the Town into a position of intervention.

The contract that existed between Amrac Cable and Pine Valley Plantation had allowed Amrac to maintain a tower with satellite receivers and other antennae, an array of large ground-based satellite dishes, and a small structure that houses the cable systems' headend equipment (the heart of the beast) on the Pine Valley premises, in exchange for direct compensation and favorable pricing on cable services provided to the residents of Pine Valley.

During the course of the Agreement negotiations (1998), the Town was repeatedly assured by Avalon that they would honor all existing contracts and liabilities as then held by Amrac, making many specific references to the Pine Valley contract. After the Agreement was signed, and the Cable License transferred from Amrac to Avalon, Avalon suddenly reversed itself by stating that they would no longer honor the Pine Valley contract. Avalon was putting forth their position that the contract was non-transferable, even though there was no language to the contrary. Both parties now wanted to renegotiate, but found themselves at odds over each other's positions. Avalon then presented their need to install a larger headend equipment facility and additional satellite dishes on both the ground and tower – all located on the Pine Valley premises – in order to upgrade the cable system and programming. Pine Valley wanted to extend their beneficial arrangement. Both parties dug in...

Then came a new glitch – Just as predicted, Avalon Partners had collected, piecemeal, many smaller cable systems into a pile of 255,000+ subscribers stretching from New England to Michigan, then *sold out*. In retrospect, we should have known better, as Avalon's own "mission" per their cable transfer registration statements, was to reach the 250,000 subscriber level. Another clue should have been that most of Avalon's ownership hierarchy and financial backers included "investment types". Belchertown had become an unwitting investment vehicle, and a year and a half later, when the deals were over, the Town was left in the same position it

started off in, and little progress had been made on the system upgrade. Actually, most of that little progress seems to have been for show, and will be redone by Charter Communications. As for Avalon Partners, they did quite well in their venture, having more than doubled their investment in less than a year. In any case, we were headed into the License Transfer process – again!

Needless to say, this License Transfer round became yet another dragged out affair – mainly due to the ongoing contract dispute between Avalon and Pine Valley. As the process went on, it was becoming clear that this private contract would affect the transfer itself. There are only four criteria by which the Town may judge the worthiness of any company that seeks a Cable License, or transfer thereof, and one of those criteria has to do with that company's ability to operate the cable system in a legal manner – unfortunately, rates and channel selection remain *non-negotiable* items. With the contract negotiations between Avalon and Pine Valley at a standstill, which in turn meant that the continued operation of the cable systems' headend equipment was in jeopardy, the Board of Selectmen were left with no choice but to delay the transfer until that contract got settled, as they could not be assured by Charter that they would be able to provide continued, uninterrupted service from the Pine Valley headend site.

From the time a License Transfer request gets filed, the Board of Selectmen has 120 days to approve or deny such transfer. After *many* Board Meetings, postponements, and plain obfuscation on the part of Avalon, an eleventh-hour agreement between Avalon ~ Charter and Pine Valley Plantation was finally reached, and the Board approved the transfer. Our new cable service provider would be Charter Communications.

Ironically, as it turns out, Charter shall only need the headend facilities at Pine Valley for another six to nine months, as Charter is planning to operate the new cable system via direct fiber feeds coming in from either Ludlow, along Rt. 21, or from Chicopee, along Rt. 202. Following the system switchover, the tower, dishes and facilities at the Pine Valley site will be dismantled and cleared away.

As mentioned earlier, the Committee views the transfer to Charter Communications with great enthusiasm. Charter Communications is primarily owned by Paul Allen, a Microsoft co-founder. Paul Allen is a high-tech visionary who is very committed to technological advances in the cable medium, as well as the eventual melding of the multitude of telecommunication services and entertainment vehicles into an all-encompassing service package. Allen has several other companies that are working feverishly toward the promise of a bold future where interactive TV combines with e-commerce, and where video phone chats segue into downloadable entertainment. The future of these services is truly exciting, and there shall be many more technological surprises in the years to come. Charter Communications will surely be at the forefront of the industry leading us down this path.

Already, Charter is drawing up plans for our new system upgrade that put the proposed Avalon design to shame. Fiber optic cable will be strung up all over Town, going by many more households than per Avalon's plan. There is also word that an 850-MHz broadband system will be deployed versus the 450-MHz system that Avalon was to give us. We will get even more channels, high-speed two-way Internet access via cable-modem, and it is likely that we shall also receive an Internet telephony service that promises to make long-distance phone charges a thing of the past by allowing the caller to dial up and speak to people across the planet for next to nothing. True two-way Interactive TV will not be far off – You will be able to click on your favorite actor's shirt, and be given the option to purchase it in your size. If you like that lamp on the table in that sitcom you watch every Thursday night, just click on it and an order form will come up. You will be able to play along with your favorite gameshow, participate in classrooms in all over the world, watch football games from your choice of view angle, and receive any movie or music selection at your leisure.

The Committee would like to commend the fine efforts of Justin Martin and his team at our local cable office – no matter the name over the door. They have handled the Amrac ~ Avalon transition, and the Avalon ~ Charter transition in a professional

manner, and have maintained a high level of integrity, dedication, and quality customer service. Please be aware that they too are being swept up during these times of change, and a bit of understanding would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Bowler, Chairman
Art Dunbar
Dan Fitzpatrick
Jim Kearney
Frank Lomanno

Post Note ~

And - Just as we are becoming acquainted with Charter Communications, a news report during December, 1999, stated the intentions of AT&T and Charter Communications to "swap" subscribers in many states, in order to better consolidate their business operations by location. The report seemed to indicate that the Charter subscriber base in Massachusetts would end up in the hands of AT&T. This "swap" is still subject to regulatory approval, and there is no confirmation, either way, from the good people at Charter Communications. AT&T is in the process of purchasing MediaOne, which currently operates in the neighboring towns of Amherst and Granby – that deal should be completed by June, 2000.

VETERANS' GRAVES

Administrative Expenditures

Supplies and Services:	\$1,367.00
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Financial Expenditures

Flags:	\$ 587.00
Flag Holders:	.00
Footings for Grave	
Markers:	\$ 780.00
	\$1,367.00

Expected Reimbursements:	\$ 440.25
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NET EXPENDITURES:	\$1,126.75
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The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115, so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the cost of flags to decorate veterans' graves. This was passed in 1999 and subsequently the Town of Belchertown will be reimbursed 75% of the 1999 cost for flags

A special "Thank You" to the American Legion, Post 239, Belchertown, MA for their wonderful help in placing the flags on the graves.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Messier
Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione
Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer



VETERANS' SERVICES

Administrative Expenditures:

Salaries Supplies and Services \$5,604.38

Financial Assistance Expenditures:

Ordinary Benefits: \$21,558.50

Fuel Benefits: 3,400.20

Medical Benefits: 446.63

Burials 0

Groceries 150.01

Rent, Moving, Housing 935.00

32,094.72

Expected Reimbursements 19,867.76

Net Expenditures: 12,226.96

Both the Town and the Commonwealth share in the funding of this program. Each year the Town of Belchertown budgets money for the Veterans' Benefits and is reimbursed a portion of this money. The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter

115, so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the monies expended on Veterans' Benefits. Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1987 was signed in law by Governor Michael Dukakis.

The Veterans' Services Department administers benefits for Town of Belchertown veterans, which are separate and distinct from those provided by the Veterans Administration (VA), a program of the Federal Government. This Department, however, does file for a variety of benefits for Belchertown veterans and their dependents from the Federal VA Office. The Federal money we secure for our recipients reduces the Town money we pay and in many cases, once a recipient commences to receive money from these federal programs, we are able to close the case with no further expenditure of town money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. William Carrier, Director
Veterans' Service Department

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals received eleven applications for the year 1999. Out of the eleven applications there was one applicant that withdrew their request for variance. There were six Variances granted and four special permits granted. No applications were carried over into 2000.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Roncolato, Chairman
Scott Surner
Sandra Webb

Associate Members:
Raymond Goff
Diane Loftus-Mas



CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 10, 1999 FY 2000

ART #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
1-3.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Assessors-Legal Counsel-resolving court tax cases	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
5.	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	30,000.00
6.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	From Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.	1,100.00	-	-	1,100.00	-	-
8.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	To EDIC to continue work	40,000.00	-	-	-	-	40,000.00
10.	Sundry Items (11) See A.T.M. Minutes for breakdown	115,308.00	-	-	-	-	115,308.00
11.	Itemized Budgets						
	General Government (Total)	984,719.00	-	-	-	-	-
1.	Moderator, Salary	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
2.	Bd. of Selectmen, Salary	-	12,600.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	11,316.00	-	-	-	-
3.	Town Administrator, Salary	-	63,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	6,950.00	-	-	-	-
4.	Tn.Accountant/Admin. Secretary, Salary	-	49,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	110,216.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	19,750.00	-	-	-	-
5.	Town Clerk, Salary	-	15,018.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	44,740.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,081.00	-	-	-	-
6.	Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary	-	30,485.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	100,016.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	42,110.00	-	-	-	-
7.	M.I.S. Dept., Salary	-	44,330.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	28,204.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	47,915.00	-	-	-	-
8.	Bd of Assessors, Assessors (Board)	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Assessor Salary	-	39,576.00	-	-	-	-

ART #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
	Wages	-	117,882.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	23,600.00	-	-	-	-
	Field Review Update	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
9.	Law Account, Fees	-	81,300.00	-	-	-	-
10.	Finance Committee, Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	527.00	-	-	-	-
11.	Election & Regis., Salary	-	400.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	8,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,125.00	-	-	-	-
12.	Planning Board, Salary	-	40,630.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	18,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,685.00	-	-	-	-
13.	Bd. of Appeals, Wages	-	3,888.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
14.	Economic Development I.C., Expenses	-	2,500.00	-	-	-	-
15.	Rail Trail Committee, Expenses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
16.	Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses	-	750.00	-	-	-	-
	Public Safety (Total)	1,627,231.00					
17.	Police Dept., Salary	-	57,688.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	948,168.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	160,361.00	-	-	-	-
18.	Ambulance Service, Wages	-	85,650.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	17,300.00	-	-	-	-
19.	Fire Dept., Salary (Chief)	-	44,593.00	-	-	-	-
	Full-time Firefighters	-	32,925.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	71,100.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	53,675.00	-	-	-	-
20.	Fire Station Expenses	-	8,600.00	-	-	-	-
21.	Hydrant Service, Expenses	-	18,715.00	-	-	-	-
	Dog Officer, Salary(Dog Officer)	-	1,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Salary (Asst. Dog Officer)	-	600.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	10,976.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,310.00	-	-	-	-
22.	Inspection Services, Salary	-	36,938.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	59,102.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	12,660.00	-	-	-	-

ART #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
23.	Civil Defense, Wages Expenses	-	350.00	-	-	-	-
		-	1,320.00	-	-	-	-
	Town School Department (Total)	13,989,688.00					
24.	School Dept., Foundation Spending	-	13,004,354.00	-	-	-	-
	Transport. And Fixed Assets	-	985,334.00	-	-	-	-
	Regional School Dept, Pathfinder (Total)	650,599.00					
25.	Pathfinder	-	650,599.00	-	-	-	-
	DPW-Highways (Total)	695,587.00					
26.	DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary Wages	-	47,962.00	-	-	-	-
	Uniforms Expenses	-	326,100.00	-	-	-	-
		-	3,500.00	-	-	-	-
		-	750.00	-	-	-	-
27.	DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses	-	3,575.00	-	-	-	-
28.	DPW-Snow Removal, Expenses	-	95,050.00	-	-	-	-
29.	DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses	-	55,700.00	-	-	-	-
30.	DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
31.	DPW-Hired Services, Expenses	-	48,300.00	-	-	-	-
32.	DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	-
33.	DPW-Streets, Expenses	-	64,800.00	-	-	-	-
34.	DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses	-	10,500.00	-	-	-	-
35.	DPW-Town Garage, Expenses	-	9,350.00	-	-	-	-
	Land Enterprise Fund (Total)	215,545.00					
36.	Transfer Station, Wages	-	-	-	73,420.00 (Lndfill Ent. Free Cash)	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	-	30,125.00 (Lndfill Ent. Free Cash)	-	-
		-	-	-	100,000.00 (Lndfill rcts.)	-	-
		-	-	-	12,000.00 (Lndfill Ent. Free Cash)	-	-
	Hazardous Waste Day	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	596,055.00					
37.	Sewer Enterprise Fund, Salary Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	104,000.00 (Sewr Ent. Free Cash)	-	-
		-	-	-	848.00 (Sewr rcts)	-	-

ART #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
	Expenses	-	-	-	131,262.00	-	-
	Maturing Debt	-	107,055.00	-	(Sewr rcts) 245,600.00	-	-
	Maturing Debt Interest	-	-	-	(Sewr rcts) 7,290.00	-	-
	Conservation Commission (Total)	39,650.00					
38.	Conservation Commission, Wages	-	36,950.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	700.00	-	2,000.00	-	-
					(Wetlands Hearings fees)		
	Historical Commission/District (Total)	848.00					
39.	Historical Commission, Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
40.	Historical District, Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	348.00
	Human Services Depts. (Total)	299,247.00					
41.	Board of Health, Salary	-	2,825.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	4,432.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	18,383.00	-	-	-	-
42.	Council on Aging, Salary	-	34,720.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	144,663.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	29,525.00	-	-	-	-
43.	Veterans Services, Agent Salary	-	5,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Agent Expenses	-	600.00	-	-	-	-
	Veterans Benefits	-	27,200.00	-	-	-	-
44.	Veterans Graves, Expenses	-	1,025.00	-	-	-	-
45.	Cemetery Commissioners, Salary	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	12,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	18,474.00	-	-	-	-
46.	Mobilehome/Rent Control Bd., Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	200.00	-	-	-	-
	Culture & Recreation Depts. (Total)	446,602.00					
47.	Clapp Memorial Library, Salary	-	40,059.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	114,595.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	62,064.00	-	-	-	-
48.	Parks & Recreation, Salary	-	33,214.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	72,737.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	16,156.00	-	-	-	-

ART #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
49.	Parks & Rec.(Pool)Offset Rcts,Wages & Expen.	-	22,384.00	-	45,000.00 (Off-set rcts)	-	-
50.	Parks & Rec. Tn.Bch,Wages & Expenses	-	18,245.00	-	-	-	-
51.	Teen Center. Wages	-	19,268.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	2,880.00	-	-	-	-
	DPW-Buildings & Grounds (Total)	289,549.00					
52.	DPW-Maint/Grounds, Salary	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	176,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	22,400.00	-	-	-	-
53.	DPW-Law.Mem.Hall, Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	29,090.00	-	-	-	-
54.	DPW-Town Common, Expenses	-	1,350.00	-	-	-	-
55.	DPW-Town Clock, Wages	-	600.00	-	-	-	-
56.	DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses	-	4,150.00	-	-	-	-
57.	DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses	-	5,284.00	-	-	-	-
58.	DPW-Sr.Cntr.Bldg., Expenses	-	11,299.00	-	-	-	-
59.	DPW-Teen Cntr Bldg., Expenses	-	9,931.00	-	-	-	-
60.	DPW-New Police Station, Expenses	-	19,595.00	-	-	-	-
61.	DPW-Old Police Station, Expenses	-	9,350.00	-	-	-	-
	Pensions & Insurance (Total)	1,307,488.00					
62.	General Insurance, Expenses	-	216,607.00	-	-	-	-
63.	Unemployment Insurance, Expenses	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-
64.	Workers Compensation Ins., Expenses	-	36,203.00	-	-	-	-
65.	Health Insurance, Expenses	-	311,800.00	-	-	-	-
66.	Group Life Insurance, Expenses	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-
67.	FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses	-	33,500.00	-	-	-	-
68.	Pensions, Expenses	-	697,878.00	-	-	-	-
	Unclassified Accounts (Total)	45,600.00					
69.	Patriotic Exercises, Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	300.00
70.	Printing Annual Reports, Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00
71.	Unclassified Account, Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	41,300.00
	Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	2,379,569.00					
72.	Interest, Expenses	-	1,213,228.00	-	-	-	-
73.	Maturing Debt, Expenses	-	1,166,341.00	-	-	-	-
	Council of Government (Total)	61,108.00					
74.	Council of Government, Assessment	-	61,108.00	-	-	-	-
12-27.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-

ART #	BUDGET OR DEPARTMENT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
28.	For Police Off Duty Work Details	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	5,000.00
GRAND TOTALS		23,820,593.00	22,831,092.00	-	752,645.00	-	236,856.00

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 22, 1999**

Shall the Town of Belchertown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct, originally equip and furnish a new high school, including costs incidental and related thereto?

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Yes	308	341	364	1013
No	134	247	184	565
Blanks	0	1	2	3
Total	442	589	550	1581

Votes cast on 2/22/99: 442 589 550 1581
(19.5% voted)

Registered voters in Belchertown:

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	805	790	669	2264
Republican	349	394	427	1170
Libertarian	8	4	9	21
Unenrolled	1517	1588	1550	4655
Miscellaneous	6	2	5	13
TOTALS	2685	2778	2660	8123

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY - APRIL 27, 1999

DEMOCRAT

NAME	OFFICE	PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Michael J. Coughlin	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	18	---	18
Michael C. Little	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	24	---	24
James R. Nolen	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	54	---	54
Edward J. Noonan	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	99	---	99
	Blanks	---	2	---	2
	Total	---	197	---	197

REPUBLICAN

NAME	OFFICE	PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Reed V. Hillman	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	18	---	18
Michael C. Little (write in)	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	1	---	1
	Blanks	---	0	---	0
	Total	---	26	---	26

LIBERTARIAN: No candidates for office; no votes in this party

Prec. B registered voters in Belchertown

A	B	C	Total
Democrat	792		792
Republican	394		394
Libertarian	4		4
Unenrolled	1586		1586
Misc	3		3
	<u>2779</u>		<u>2779</u>

Voted on 4/27/99

Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	197		197
Republican	26		26
	<u>223</u>		<u>223</u>

8.02% voted

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION MAY 17, 1999

*Denotes elected

Office	Name	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Moderator – 1 year	*Terry Scott Nagel	37	76	67	180
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	1	3
	Blanks	13	14	19	46
	Total	51	91	87	229
Selectman – 3 years	*Ronald E. Aponte	43	76	73	192
	Herb Squires (Write-in)	1	2	2	5
	Sundry Write-ins	2	0	0	2
	Blanks	5	13	12	30
	Total	51	91	87	229
School Committee 3 years	*Edward R. Mitnick	34	67	62	163
	*Richard D. White	38	68	62	168
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	4	5
	Blanks	29	47	46	122
	Total	102	182	174	458
Office	Name	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Planning Board 5 years	*James J. Natle	36	71	57	164
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	2
	Blanks	14	19	30	63
	Total	51	91	87	229
Board of Assessors 3 years	*Deborah M. Sammataro	39	68	70	177
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	2
	Blanks	11	22	17	50
	Total	51	91	87	229
Housing Authority 5 years	*Sally M. Dodge (Write-in)	9	15	19	43
	Sundry Write-ins	2	2	2	6
	Blanks	40	74	66	180
	Total	51	91	87	229
Board of Health 3 years	*Leonard R. Belisle	34	69	57	160
	*Dennis D. Hotte, Sr. (Write-in)	0	3	5	8
	Sundry Write-ins	4	1	2	7
	Blanks	64	109	110	283
	Total	102	182	174	458
Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments 2 years	*Donald R. Laporte (Write-in)	9	12	19	40
	Sundry Write-ins	1	2	2	5
	Blanks	41	77	66	184
	Total	51	91	87	229

Question 1: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of section six C of chapter forty of the General Laws, which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?

Registered voters in Belchertown:

Yes	25	39	46	110
No	23	36	33	92
Blanks	3	16	8	27
Total	51	91	87	229

Votes cast on

May 17, 1999	51	91	87	229
	(2.82% voted)			

Democrat	794	794	670	2258
Republican	341	396	425	1162
Libertarian	9	4	9	22
Unenrolled	1521	1588	1562	4671
Others	6	3	6	15
Totals	2671	2785	2672	8128

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION MAY 25, 1999

NAME	OFFICE	PREC. A	PREC. B	PREC. C	TOTAL
Michael C. Little	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	323	---	323
Edward J. Noonan	Representative in General Court (1 st Hampden District)	---	238	---	238
(vote for one)	Blanks	---	1	---	1
	Total	---	562	---	562

Prec. B registered voters in Belchertown

	A	B	C	Total
Democrat		793		793
Republican		396		396
Libertarian		4		4
Unenrolled		1587		1587
Misc		3		3
20.2% voted		2783		2783

Voted on 5/25/99

Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
	562		562

Attest: William R. Barnett, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held January 25, 1999 at Belchertown High School
FY99

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:47 pm
Registered voters present – 419 (Quorum required – 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain the property situated on the northerly side of Munsell Street, Belchertown, which contains 2,885 square feet of land, more or less, and being shown and designated as Lot 65AB-3 on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Land situated in Belchertown, Massachusetts, surveyed for John H. Conkey”, dated February 21, 1998, and revised October 27, 1998, by James Avery Smith, PLS, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 184, Page 132.

2/3's required (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted that the sum of \$32,351,800 be appropriated for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new high school, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$32,351,800 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3), of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, which may include Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided that no sums shall be borrowed under this vote until the Town has voted to exempt the amounts required to pay the bonds or notes from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½; and, provided, further, that not more than \$1,596,578.00 for planning and other preliminary expenses, shall be borrowed until the State Department of Education has included the project on a State School Building Assistance priority list, so-called.

2/3's required (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, the following took place:

The question regarding the construction of a new high school was moved by Selectman Gerald Grasso at 7:53 pm, and after it was seconded, the H.S. Building Committee presented its case for passage of this bill.

Mr. Patrick Daly, Chmn of the Bldg. Comm., introduced:

Mr. Edward Ciosek who spoke on population growth;
Architect Scott Dunlap who spoke on the design of the building;
Town Treasurer William Barnett who spoke on the effect on the Tax rate of such a school;
Superintendent Richard Pazasis who spoke regarding the reasons the Committee wanted to build immediately rather than wait 5 years;
School Maintenance Supervisor Robert Lachance who spoke on the additional cost of the upkeep of the new building.
After much discussion and questioning, the question was called and the meeting voted as above.)

Meeting dissolved at 9:28 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

May 10, 1999

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 10, 1999 at Belchertown High School gymnasium
FY99

Moderator : Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Registered voters present – 151 (Quorum required – 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from free cash in the treasury to the Ambulance
Department Wage Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,153.00 from the Board of Health Wage Account to the Board
of Health Expense Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Treasurer/Collector Expense Account to the
Town Clerk Wage Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to ratify the Police Department Collective Bargaining contract and to appropriate from free
cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,350.00 to the Police Department Salary Account and the sum of
\$33,000.00 to the Police Department Wage Account for a total appropriation of \$34,350.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted as authorized by the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the use of a
revolving fund for the purpose of procurement of firefighters' protective clothing and equipment
maintenance, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the open air burning permit fees,
and shall be under the control of the Fire Chief; such expenditures not to exceed to \$7,500.00,
said fund retroactive to July 1, 1998.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$40,000.00 to the Snow and Ice Control Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Election and Registration Wage Account and the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Election and Registration Expense Account for a total appropriation of \$5,000.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 from free cash in the treasury to the General Insurance Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$12,800.00 to the Sewer Department Expense Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from the Recreation Department Wage Account the sum of \$8,500.00 to the Recreation Pool Account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$21,643.00 to the School Committee for their use in lieu of reimbursement of the Medicaid payments.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 10, 1999 at Belchertown High School gymnasium
FY00

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Registered voters present – 151 (Quorum required – 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Girl Scouts Shaloma Kleiner, Sarah Berthier, and Amanda Beaver led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem was sung by Ann Oey.

Senator Stephen Brewer presented a citation from the Mass. State Senate to outgoing Selectman David Fredenburgh for more than nine years of service to the Town of Belchertown.

Linda Barron presented a citation on behalf of Representative Thomas Petrolati from the Mass. House of Representatives to David Fredenburgh, and from the Town of Belchertown she presented a Les Campbell photograph.

Louise Butler, Housing Authority member, presented Shirley Bock a certificate and plant for her 22 years of service as Housing Authority Director.

The following awards were given by the Board of Selectmen:

To the Belchertown Firefighters Association – Volunteer of the Year

To Mary Rattell (Sr. Police Dispatcher since 1989) – Employee of the Year

To Shirley Bock – Citizen of the Year (in appreciation of 29 yrs of public service as a member of the Historical Commission, as Asst. Curator at the Stone House and as Director of the Housing Authority)

Article 1 Nominated and elected Linda E. Barron and Suzanne M. Bay as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman funds, each for one year; and Mary S. Pratt as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

- Assessors \$9.29
- Board of Health Members \$6.36

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account the sum of \$1,100.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development account.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$40,000.00 to cover expenses involved with the EDIC to continue its work.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article the following took place:

A majority yes vote amended the original motion, changing the sum from \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.00. This amendment was made by Stephen Lanphear, Chmn of the EDIC.)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$115,308.00 for the following items:

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|---|---------------------------------|-------------|
| • | Computer Equipment and Software | \$48,000.00 |
| • | Master Plan | \$ 5,000.00 |
| • | Police Radar Units | \$ 4,458.00 |
| • | DPW Storage Shed Roof | \$ 4,000.00 |
| • | DPW Tractor Repairs | \$ 2,500.00 |

•	Lawrence Memorial Hall Repairs	\$ 7,500.00
•	Blood Pressure Monitor	\$ 2,450.00
•	Hay Bail Chopper	\$ 5,000.00
•	Revaluation	\$16,000.00
•	GIS Continuation	\$15,000.00
•	Fire Department – SCBA	\$ 5,400.00

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 11 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$984,719.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,627,231.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,989,688.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,599.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$695,587.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$100,000.00, and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise Free Cash in the treasury the sum of \$115,545.00, for a total appropriation of \$215,545.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,055.00, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$385,000.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Free Cash the sum of \$104,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$596,055.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,650.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees account the sum of \$2,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$39,650.00 to the Conservation Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$500.00 to the Historical Commission and the sum of \$348.00 to the Historic District Committee, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$299,247.00 to the Human Services departments each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$401,602.00 and appropriate from recreation off-set receipts the sum of \$45,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$446,602.00 for Culture and Recreation departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,549.00 for Buildings and Grounds departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,307,488.00 for Pensions and Insurance accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$45,600.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,379,569.00 to the Interest and Debt accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,108.00 for Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, to reauthorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of a Senior Center Transportation program, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the transportation program and shall be under the control of the Director of the Senior Center, such expenditures not to exceed to \$10,000.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of maintenance of the building and grounds housing the Day Care Center, which fund shall be credited with receipts from rental of said building and shall be under the control of the Director of Public Works; such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of procurement of firefighters' protective clothing and equipment purchase and maintenance, which fund shall be credited from receipts from the open air burning permit fees, and shall be under the control of the Fire Chief; such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, authorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of providing a concession at the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited from receipts from the Town Beach Concession, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Director; such expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, authorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of buildings and grounds maintenance of those buildings located on Parcel A of the former Belchertown State School, which fund shall be credited with receipts from rentals of the buildings contained in this same area and shall be under the control of the Director of Public Works; such expenditures not to exceed \$90,000.00.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete Section 9.31 and replace with a new Section 9.31 (Landscaping), now known as New Codification Chapter 145, Article IX, Section 145-37, Item B, clarifying landscaping requirements and described as follows:

Large parking areas providing more than seventy-five (75) parking spaces shall be subdivided with landscaped islands such that no paved surface shall extend more than eighty (80') feet in width. At least one (1) tree (minimum two (2") inches caliper at chest height) per thirty-five (35) spaces shall be provided.

2/3's required (Vote – 2/3's Majority Yes) Hand count not necessary in accordance with town by-law

Article 18 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Add to Section 7.40 (General), now known as New Codification Chapter 145, Article VII, Section 145-29A (General), the following language:

Operation hours shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. No weekend or holiday hours are permitted. There shall be no exceptions beyond these hours. However, the Planning Board may further limit hours of operation if, after weighing factors, including impact on traffic flow and safety, it determines the public good will be served. Trucks may enter and leave the premises only within such hours. All loaded vehicles shall be suitably covered to prevent dust and contents from spilling and blowing from the load. The operator shall be responsible for cleaning spillage on public ways.

2/3's required (Vote – 2/3's Majority Yes) Hand count not necessary in accordance with town by-law

Article 19 On the motion – to accept the Citizen Petition as set forth in Warrant Article 19,

a majority no vote defeated the article.

(This article if passed would have moved forward immediately to acquire State School land known as parcels D&E, and continue to work acquiring land known as parcel B – see entire text in Warrant.)

Article 20 Voted to accept Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989, amending MGL Chapter 59, Section 2A(a), regarding the collection of real estate taxes on new structures built between January 2nd and June 30th.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by adding the following new chapter:

Chapter 82, Noise.

§ 82-1 Prohibited Acts.

No person owning, leasing, or controlling a source of sound shall willfully, negligently, or through failure to provide necessary equipment, service, or maintenance or to take necessary precautions cause, suffer, allow, or permit unnecessary emissions from said source of sound that may cause noise.

§ 82-2 Applicability.

A) Section 82-1 shall pertain to, but shall not be limited to, prolonged unattended sounding of burglar alarms, construction and demolition equipment which characteristically emit sound but which may be fitted and accommodated with equipment, such as enclosures to suppress sound or may be operated in a manner so as to suppress sound, suppressible and preventable industrial and commercial sources of sound, and other man-made sounds that cause noise.

B) Said section shall not apply to sounds emitted during and associated with:

- 1) Parades, public gatherings, or sporting events for which permits have been issued, provided that said parades, public gatherings or sporting events in one city or town do not cause noise in another city or town;
- 2) Emergency, police, fire and ambulance vehicles;
- 3) Police, fire and civil and national defense activities; and
- 4) Domestic and agricultural equipment, such as but not limited to lawnmowers and power saws between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

§ 82-3 Violations and Penalties.

Violation of this chapter shall be subject to non-criminal disposition pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D. For purposes of non-criminal disposition, the penalty to apply in the event of a violation shall be a written warning for the first offense, \$150.00 for the second offense and \$300.00 for each subsequent offense. Each day on which a violation exists shall be

deemed to be a separate offense. The Enforcement Agents shall be Police Officers, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Board of Health Members, or the Director of Health.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 22 Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by inserting both of the following:

New Codification Chapter 114, Article I, Section 114-5, C. Grading, (formerly Chapter III, The Bylaws of the Town of Belchertown, Section 3 of the Requirements for the Installation of Driveway Aprons), "in no instance shall a driveway apron have a pitch toward the roadway greater than one (1) inch per foot for the entire length of the apron (10 feet). Driveways permitted prior to the adoption of this amendment will be exempt from this requirement".

New Codification Chapter 114, Article I, Section 114-5, C. Grading, (formerly Chapter III, The Bylaws of the Town of Belchertown, Section 3 of the Requirements for the Installation of Driveway Aprons), "in no instance shall driveways be constructed to allow the discharge surface run-off into the Town's right-of-way".

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 23 Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by adding the following new section to Chapter 72, Meetings:

§72-11 Reconsideration of Articles.

- A) After any article in the warrant has been acted upon, and disposed of, or passed over and so disposed of, such article shall not be reconsidered at the same session of an annual or special town meeting except by a vote of two-thirds of the registered voters present and voting on a motion to reconsider.
- B) A motion to reconsider may be made by either the prevailing or losing side, but may not be entertained by the Moderator unless made not later than the same session of the meeting at which all action is completed on the article under which the vote to be reconsidered has taken place.
- C) No vote may be reconsidered twice unless such vote has been materially amended during its first reconsideration.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by making the following changes to Chapter 91 – Personnel By-Law, in the following prescribed manner:

Under SECTION 8. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION:

Remove the following position:

- Town Accountant

Adjust Paragraph G) "Pegged" Rate Schedule Hourly as follows:

• Secretary to Police Chief/Dispatch Supervisor	\$17.49
• Assessors Department Assistant II	\$15.00
• Maintenance Worker	\$15.00
• Maintenance Worker	\$15.00
• Senior Communications Dispatcher	\$14.41
• Communications Dispatcher	\$13.88
• Assistant Town Treasurer	\$13.88
• Assistant Town Collector	\$13.88
• Assistant Town Clerk	\$13.88
• Special Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer	\$15.42
• Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer	\$15.42
• Motor Equipment Maintenance Man/Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	\$15.42
• Medium Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	\$14.44
• Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	\$12.92

Adjust Paragraph H) "Fire Service (Hourly) as follows:

• Firefighter (Full-Time Fire Suppression)	\$11.41
• Firefighter (Fire Inspection)	\$14.27

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN, 1) MANAGEMENT/PROFESSIONAL:

Adjust ranges to read as follows:

• Director of Public Works	\$44,323-\$55,403
• Police Lieutenant	\$44,323-\$55,403
• Town Planner	\$36,663-\$47,138
• Fire Chief	\$34,628-\$45,708
• Town Treasurer-Collector*	\$34,628-\$45,708
• Director of Computing	\$34,628-\$45,708
• Building Inspector	\$30,473-\$41,552
• Library Director	\$30,473-\$41,552
• Director of Assessments	\$30,473-\$41,552
• Senior Center Director	\$24,378-\$35,458
• Recreation Director	\$24,378-\$35,458
• Town Clerk**	\$23,270-\$33,968

*Filled at 2/3 Time; ** Filled at 1/3 Time.

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN, 5) PART-TIME HOURLY SCHEDULE:

Adjust rates for the following position:

• Swim Team Coach:	\$10.00/hour
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Remove the following positions:

- Swim Teach Coach (Seasonal)
- Lifeguard and Water Instructors, and chart

Add the following positions:

- Swim Team Assistant Coach: \$8.00/hour
- Swim Team Aide: \$6.00-\$7.00/hour
- Head Lifeguard (Pool): \$7.25-\$8.75/hour
- Lifeguards (Pool): \$6.00-\$7.00/hour
- Head Lifeguard (Beach): \$7.75-\$9.00/hour
- Lifeguards (Beach): \$6.75-\$7.50/hour
- Water Safety Instructor: \$8.00-\$9.50/hour
- Water Safety Instructor Aide: \$6.00-\$7.00/hour
- Program Instructors (Aquatic, Lifeguard, etc.): \$10.00/hour

Under APPENDIX B: WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES:

Adjust compensation chart to read as follows:

WEEKLY

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8
1	285.32	295.31	305.65	316.33	327.41	338.87	350.74	363.00
2	328.12	339.60	351.49	363.80	376.52	389.70	407.90	417.46
3	377.34	390.54	404.20	418.36	433.00	448.16	463.84	480.09
4	405.64	419.84	434.53	449.74	465.48	481.77	498.64	516.09
5	436.06	451.32	467.12	483.47	500.39	517.91	536.03	554.80
6	468.76	485.18	502.16	519.73	537.93	556.74	576.24	596.41
7	501.59	519.14	537.31	556.12	575.58	595.73	616.58	638.16
8	536.70	555.48	574.92	595.04	615.86	637.42	659.74	682.83
9	574.26	594.36	615.17	636.69	658.98	682.04	705.92	730.62
10	614.46	635.97	658.23	681.26	705.10	729.79	755.33	781.76
11	657.48	680.48	704.30	728.96	754.47	780.88	808.20	836.49

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to accept the following named ways within the Town of Belchertown:

Cheryl Circle as shown on an “As Built” known as “Cheryl Circle” and provided by Hill Engineering Corp. dated November 13, 1998, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton on Book 184, Page 128 and 129.

and

Raymond Drive and Brenda Lane as shown on an “As Built” known as “Belchertown Woods” and provided by Harold Easton & Associates, Inc. dated November 2, 1990 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton on Book 2881, Page 134.

and

Chestnut Drive, Hemlock Hollow, Terry Lane and a portion of Oak Ridge Drive as shown on the “Definitive Plan” known as “Turkey Hill East” and provided by Almer Huntley & Associates, Inc. dated January 23, 1991 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton on Book 169, Pages 60 through 71.

and

Clark Street, Dana Hill, Greenwich Hill, Newton Street only as shown on the "Definitive Plan" known as Dana Woods, Phase I and II and provided by Hill engineering dated July 24, 1990 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton in Book 167, Pages 60 through 71.

and

Kennedy Road, Moss Lane, Blacksmith Road, Oakwood Drive, Robin Lane, Pease Lane, Rainbow Drive as shown on an "As Built" known as Mallard Estates and provided by Lewis & Cook dated December 27, 1993 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton in Book 184, Page 247.

and

Diane Drive as shown on an "As Built" known as Diane Drive and provided by P.B. Hatch dated June 29, 1997 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton in Book 184, page 246.

and

Martin Circle as shown on an "As Built" known as Martin Circle and provided by Hill Engineering Corp. dated November 13, 1998 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton on Book 184, Page 130.

2/3's required (Vote – 2/3's Majority Yes) Hand count not necessary in accordance with town by-law

Article 26 Voted to accept the following named way within the Town of Belchertown:

Azalea Way as shown on the "Definitive Plan" known as "Turkey Hill West" and provided by Lewis & Cook, dated February 22, 1993 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton on Book 175, Pages 33 through 35.

2/3's required (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 27 On the article – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to notify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through its Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, that it has no current interest in the parcels described in the plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, prepared for Roger Bowler", dated March 22, 1999, by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., (the "Plan"), and to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown of a fee simple interest in the parcel described below, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine appropriate, for highway purposes, said parcels of land being owned by Roger Bowler, shown as Parcels A and C on the Plan, said Plan being on file with the Town Clerk, and further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote – Unanimous No Action)

Article 28 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 to be deposited in a special fund authorized by MGL Chapter 44, Section 53C for Police Off Duty Work Details.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 29 Voted to amend the Non-Criminal Disposition By-Law (Chapter 1, §1-2), as previously amended, by adding the following language to the schedule included therein:

Chapter 82, Noise.

Fine Schedule:	First Offense:	Written Warning
	Second Offense:	\$150.00
	Each Subsequent Offense:	\$300.00

Enforcement Agent: Police Officers
Zoning Enforcement Officer
Board of Health Members
Director of Health

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 30 On the motion – to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to public buildings, namely Meadow School, owned by the Town, for rental purposes and to meet said appropriation authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 7 (3A) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefore,

2/3's required – Failed by a majority no vote

Article 31 On the article -
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Fletcher Avenue 2,000 feet from the intersection with Allen Street, as shown on a plan entitled "Lot Reconfiguration, Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA prepared for Sunrise Properties, Inc.", dated April 2, 1999 and drawn by Sherman and Woods Land Surveying and Engineering; said plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote – Unanimous No Action)

Meeting dissolved at 10:02 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 1, 1999 at Belchertown High School
Gymnasium FY00

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.
Registered voters present - 227 (Quorum required-75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1 CITIZEN PETITION

Voted to recommend that the site of any United States Postal Office serving the citizens and area of the Town of Belchertown remain located in the center of said town, and that site to be located within the Belchertown Center Historic District at the Park Street site and adjacent properties.

(Vote - Majority Yes) (Count: Yes-139, No-47)

Article 2 Voted to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, as codified, by striking the words "Executive Secretary" as they appear in the title of Section 85-5, in the text of Section 85-5.A. and in Section 270-8 and substituting in place thereof the words "Town Administrator".

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by bringing the By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown, as codified, Section 85-1, into conformity with Chapter 29 of the Acts of 1999 by striking Section 85-1.A. in its entirety and substituting the following language therefore:

"The Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown shall be elected for a term of three years and shall have all the powers and duties by law vested in the office of Town Clerk. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled in the manner prescribed by Massachusetts General Laws."

and further, to confirm that pursuant to said Chapter 29 of the Acts of 1999, the incumbent in the office of Town Clerk on the effective date of said Act shall continue to hold said office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was appointed and the election and qualification of a successor or until said incumbent otherwise vacates such office.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)\

Article 4 Voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 59A relative to the establishment of agreements between the Town and eligible persons, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 21E, Section 2, regarding the abatement of outstanding interest, penalties, and payment of real estate tax obligations on sites or portions of sites from or at which there has been a release of oil or hazardous material; provided that such sites or portions of sites are zoned by the Town for industrial or commercial uses. Said agreements are intended to promote the cleanup and redevelopment of such sites, and shall include, but not be limited to, the amount outstanding, the percent of interest to accrue if determined applicable by the parties to the agreement, the description of quantifiable monthly payments, the inception date of such payments, the date of the final payment, late penalties and any other contractual obligations arranged between the parties.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 5 Voted to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, as codified, by adding a new Section:

Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements

I. Purpose

It is the intent of the Town to offer tax abatements to encourage the continued environmental cleanup and redevelopment of sites zoned for industrial and commercial use from or at which there has been a release of oil or hazardous material.

II. Subject Properties

Property which may be the subject of tax abatement agreements pursuant by this by-law must:

1. Be a site or portion of a site from or at which there has been a release of oil or hazardous material;
2. Be owned by an eligible person, as that term is defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 21E, Section 2;
3. Be zoned for commercial or industrial use.

III. Abatement Agreements

1. The Board of Assessors is hereby authorized to negotiate agreements from the abatement of real estate taxes (hereunder, "Abatement Agreements") with owners of eligible properties.
2. Abatement Agreements may allow for reductions in outstanding taxes, interest and/or penalties.
3. Abatement Agreements shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. The amount of outstanding real estate taxes;
 - b. The percent of interest to accrue if determined applicable by the Town Collector-Treasurer and the property owner;
 - c. The description of quantifiable monthly payments;
 - d. The inception date of monthly payments;
 - e. The date of the final payment;
 - f. The late penalties to be imposed; and

g. Any and all other contractual terms as arranged between the Board of Assessors and the property owner.

4. All Abatement Agreements shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the property owner, whose signatures shall be notarized, and attested to by Town Clerk.
5. Copies of all Abatement Agreements shall be provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue, the Board of Selectmen, and the property owner.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 6 On the motion – to amend the official Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, as codified, by changing Chapter 145, Article VI, Section 145-22, G.(1)(d) Temporary Promotion Signs as follows:

“Shall not exceed 32 square feet on one side, and 64 square feet on two-sides.”,

2/3's required – Failed by a majority no vote.

Article 7 On the motion – to amend the official Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, as codified, in the manner printed in Article 7 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant, except to delete C and D and re-letter E to C,

2/3's required – Failed by a majority no vote.

(This article if passed would have added definition and regulations for supplemental apartments – see entire text in Warrant)

Article 8 Voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13A to establish and maintain an insurance fund to which the Town may appropriate amounts to pay workers' compensation claims and charges for effecting insurance to cover its liability for said workers' compensation, and to appropriate from the Schools #5000 Account the sum of \$22,000.00 to the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1999, under the provisions of Section 34(2) of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of \$142,624.20 for improvement of local roads. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$256,000.00 for site development, telephones, radios and furnishings for the Police Station to complete the Police Station/Senior Center Construction project, and to meet said appropriation, appropriate the sum of \$167,650.00 from Lottery Surplus received on September 22, 1999, the sum of \$9,999.11 from Swift River Elementary School Construction, the

sum of \$1,526.75 from the Daigle Well Account and the sum of \$76,824.14 from the Insurance Account.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain the property known as the Topping Farm which consists of three acres, more or less, of land under water and 113 acres, more or less, of land above water, together with all flowage and other rights and easements, and subject to all well rights and easements as are shown on the Town of Belchertown Assessors Map Number 217, being Parcels 3.00, 46.00, and 45.00 excepting therefrom those parcels shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown made by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc.," dated 10/12/99, which plan is to be filed in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds and in the offices of the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk in the Town of Belchertown, and further authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire by gift or purchase pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and other Massachusetts Statutes related to Conservation, or the Board of Selectmen to take said land by eminent domain, said land to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission and the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Belchertown any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article and the Town of Belchertown and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Belchertown to affect said purchase; and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow \$310,000.00 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 to fund the purchase contingent upon the grant being acquired. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

2/3's required - (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to reduce the fiscal year 2000 budget by reducing the Interest Account by \$150,000.00.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Metropolitan District Commission

WINSOR DAM

LENGTH 2,640 ft.	TOP WIDTH 35ft.
MAX. BOTTOM WIDTH 1,100 ft.	HEIGHT ABOVE RIVER 170 ft.
HEIGHT ABOVE BED	AMT. OF EARTH FILL
ROCK 295 ft.	4,000,000 Cu.yds.
ONE OF THE LARGEST DAMS IN THE EAST	

QUABBIN RESERVOIR

MAXIMUM DEPTH 150 ft.	AVERAGE DEPTH 51 ft.
LENGTH 18 MILES	LENGTH OF SHORELINE
WATER SURFACE AREA 38.6 sq. mi.	118 MILES, CAPACITY
AREA OF WATER SHED 185.9 sq. mi.	412 BILLION GALS. OR
	1,265,000 ACRE FEET.

TOWNS DISCONTINUED MARCH 28, 1938
DANA – ENFIELD – GREENWICH - PRESCOTT

QUABBIN AQUEDUCT

QUABBIN RESERVOIR TO WACHUSETT RESERVOIR
TUNNEL IS 11 FT. WIDE BY 12 ft. 9 in. HIGH AND IS
24.6 MILES LONG. IT IS ONE OF THE LONGEST
TUNNELS IN THE WORLD BEING ½ MILE SHORTER
THAN THE HETCH – HETCHY IN CALIF.

CHICOPEE VALLEY AQUEDUCT

QUABBIN RESERVOIR TO CHICOPEE CITY LINE
LENGTH 13.1 – 4.5 MILES 48 inch dia.
8.6 MILES 36 inch dia.
DELIVERS QUABBIN WATER TO
WILBRAHAM, SO. HADLEY FIRE DIST NO. 1 AND CHICOPEE

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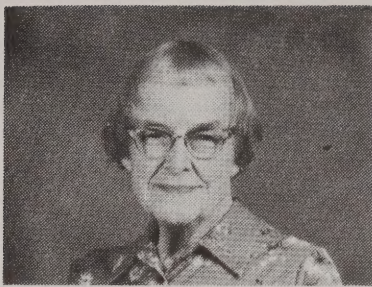
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FOR THE

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

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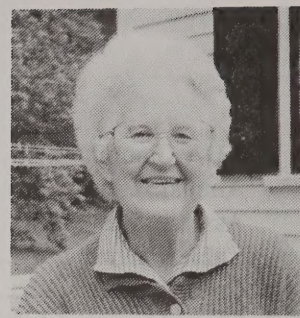


GEORGIA W. ATWOOD

Georgia Atwood was born in Winchester, Connecticut, and lived in Belchertown since 1930, only living on a farm in Ashfield for a few years before returning to Belchertown.

She and her husband were foster parents to many children. She was a longtime member of Hope United Methodist Church, Union Grange 64, the 4-H Club and the Belchertown Senior Center.

Georgia taught at the one-room Washington School between 1930 and 1938, taught at the former Belchertown State School and served in the Women's Army Corps. She was a substitute teacher in the Belchertown School System, as well as being a tutor for many years.



LILLIAN AUSTIN

Lillian Austin arrived in Belchertown as a bride in 1948. Living on Shea Avenue must have been quite a shock – there were six houses, Bondsville was a mile away and she didn't have a drivers license. She and her husband, Lewis, raised their girls, vegetables and cows on a farm built by his family in the 1870's. In the role of an "at home" mom, she was busy in the community with school and church activities.

In the 1960's, '70's and '80's, Lillian spent many a cold morning bundled in a furry blue coat and orange striped vest, shepherding children safely across the street to Franklin School. At Town Hall she registered voters, worked at elections and town meetings and, before the advent of computers, spent hours updating voters' lists and census returns. After retiring, Lillian enjoyed CNN, murder mysteries and the liveliness of her four beloved grandchildren.

At the Annual Town Meeting in 1992, Lillian was recognized as Belchertown's "Citizen of the Year".



DOROTHY BRENNAN

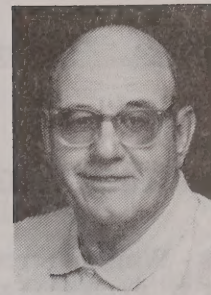
Dorothy (Dot) Brennan was a fifth generation resident of Belchertown, who loved her family, church and community. She and her eight siblings attended Belchertown Schools, therefore it is not uncommon to see the McKillop name in articles in the "From the Files" section of *The Sentinel*. She and her husband, Arthur, raised three children and were foster parents to two teenage girls for seven years.

A lifetime communicant of St. Francis Church, she belonged to the Woman's Club, sang in the choir and educated young people by volunteering as a Catechism teacher. As her children grew older, Dot returned to the work force as a teacher and Director of the Belchertown Nursery School, later accepting a teaching position at the Belchertown State School where she later was appointed principal.

Dot was an avid bridge player and was often at the Senior Center where she was able to be with others who shared this hobby. She watched with great interest as the building of the new Center moved on.

She was a member of the Belchertown Democratic Town Committee for many years, and began working for the Belchertown Board of Registrars after she retired from the Belchertown State School.

Dot's life and contributions to her community have helped to make Belchertown the fine community that it is today. While she is greatly missed, we remember her many kindnesses.



OWEN CLIFFORD

Owen Clifford was born in the Town of Ludlow on October 10, 1921. He and his wife, Kathy, raised three children, then moved to Pine Valley Plantation about 20 years ago.

In Owen's earlier years, he served in the Armed Forces in the Medical Corp. at Fort Dix. After a medical discharge for lead poisoning, he pursued a career in wrestling and competed professionally in the rink. He spent the better part of his life as a Pipe Fitter and owned his own plumbing business. According to his wife, Owen did most if not all the piping and plumbing at all the Friendly's restaurants. He also worked at a Nuclear Plant and was a Pipe Fitter in Bermuda!

During the last 10 years of his life, Owen was the Primary Gas and Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Belchertown.

On August 7, 2000, Owen lost his battle to bone cancer. He was 79 years old, a loving husband, father and friend. He is missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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2000 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Linda E. Barron	5/2001
Suzanne M. Bay	5/2001

Trustees - Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2001
Mary S. Pratt	5/2002
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2003

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett(elected 5/15/00)	5/2001
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Board of Assessors (appointed Board members, then elected effective 5/18/98)

Samuel J. Joyal(elected)	5/2001
Deborah M. Sammataro (elect)	5/2002
Michael P. Forgue(appt., then elected 5/15/00 to be effective 7/1/00)	5/2003

Board of Health

Robert P. Bishop	5/2001
Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2001
Leonard R. Belisle	5/2002
Dennis D. Hotte, Sr.	5/2002
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2003

Housing Authority

Louise M. Butler	5/2000
Thomas T. Soja	5/2001
F. Knowlton Utley(State Mbr.)	2/3/2002
Kenneth D. Nolan	5/2003
Sally M. Dodge	5/2004
Tracey L. Thompson(el.5/15/00)	5/2005

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Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2001
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Michael Roncolato	11/2002
Judith C. Dudek	11/2004

Planning Board

James D. Hodgen	5/2000
Michael A. Beresky	5/2001
Elizabeth C. Chase	5/2002
James A. Barry	5/2003
James J. Natle	5/2004
Daniel R. Beaudette (el. 5/15/00)	5/2005

School Committee

Kathleen Beresky	5/2001
Edward R. Mitnick	5/2002
Richard D. White	5/2002
Barbara Schaffer Bacon	5/2003
Sharon D. Barnett	5/2003

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Reardon	5/2001
Steven D. Rose	5/2001
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2002
Linda E. Barron	5/2003
Gerald A. Grasso	5/2003

2000 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Clerk

(appt., then elected eff. 7/1/00)

William R. Barnett (appt., then elected 5/15/00)	5/2003
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Town Accountant

Eleanor W. Green	6/30/02
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Assistant Town Accountant

Jill M. Besancon		6/30/01
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Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham		6/30/03
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Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Lee Concheri	Final Report	
Sally Dodge	Final Report	
Judith Metcalf	Final Report	
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report	
Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report	
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report	
Edward D. Fuller(appt 2/7/00)	Final Report	
Steven J. Williams(appt 2/7/00)	Final Report	

Appeals Review Committee
(appt. 9/5/00)

Gary Brougham	
Eleanor Green	
Ronald Aponte	
Themis Tsoumas (appt.10/16/00)	
Maureen Wildey (appt.10/16/00)	

Belchertown Cultural Council

Judith A. King	6/30/00
Sheryl Jackson	6/30/01
Judy McQuillen	6/30/01
Dianne Magee	6/30/01
Gretchen Holesovsky	6/30/02
Adam Sweet(appt.8/7/00)	6/30/02
Dennis E. Conway	6/30/02
MaryEllen Miller	6/30/02

Director of Assessments

(appointed by Board of Assessors)

John G. Whelihan	6/30/01
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Civil Defense Director

Donald C. Elliott, Jr.		6/30/01
(res.8/1/00)		
Edward F. Bock(appt.9/11/00)		6/30/01

Civil Defense Deputy Director

Robert S. Coates, Jr.		6/30/00
Mark S. Brouillette		6/30/01
(appt.9/11/00)		

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Michael V. Greco		6/30/00
Ronald R. Beaver		6/30/01
(appt.9/11/00)		

Civil Defense Members

Jeffery A. Czech		6/30/00
John Milner		6/30/01

Conservation Commission

Hubert F. Greene(res.4/7/00)		6/30/00
Jennie T. Greene(res.4/7/00)		6/30/01
Robert W. Stover		6/30/01
Edward T.		6/30/01
Knight(appt.5/22/00)		
Joseph P. Rafuse,		6/30/01
Assoc.(appt.5/22/00)		
Joseph K. Babineau		6/30/02
Paul Eurkus		6/30/02
David M. Haines		6/30/03
Robert J. Rizzo		6/30/03
F.Thomas Keefe(appt.4/24/00)		6/30/03

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Council on Aging

Michelle Ouhl	6/30/00
James R. Collard	6/30/01
Theresa Glanville(res.9/25/00)	6/30/01
Doris M. Dickinson (appt.10/30/00)	6/30/01
George Dion(appt.10/30/00)	6/30/01
Jeannette M. Crowther	6/30/02
Joan Poole	6/30/02
W.Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/02
Josephine Fitzgerald(appt.12/04/00)	6/30/02
Ethel Casey	6/30/03
William Kimball	6/30/03
Marian Panto	6/30/03

Dog Officer

Debra R. Michaud	4/30/01
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Assistant Dog Officer

Judith Roberts	4/30/01
Jody A. Berenson	4/30/01

Poundkeeper

Nancy J. Long

**Economic Development & Industrial
Corporation (EDIC)**

Arthur Fiorelli(res.4/12/00)	6/30/01
Stephen Lanphear(res.3/24/00)	6/30/01
Steven McCafferty (res.9/21/00)	6/30/01
William A. Terry (appt.7/24/00)	6/30/01
Peter S. Galuszka (appt.7/24/00)	6/30/01
David A.Reed, Assoc.(appt.7/24/00)	6/30/01
Lloyd C. Chadbourne	6/30/02
Jeanette Rossi	6/30/02

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**Economic Development & Industrial
Corporation (EDIC) continued**

Eugenie Barry	6/30/03
Kirk Stephens	6/30/03
Richard Steiner, Assoc.(appt.7/24/00)	6/30/01
Mary Knight, Assoc.	
Edward Comeau, Assoc.(appt.8/21/00)	
David Roberts, Assoc.(appt.8/21/00)	
Paul Anziano, Assoc. (appt.8/21/00)	
Francesca Maltese, Ex-Officio	
Jonathan Spiegel, Associate Member	
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member	
Frances Callahan, Associate Member	

EMS Operations Manager

Steven A. Syriac

EMS Department

Ronald Beaver	6/30/00
William Chapman	6/30/00
Andrea Conkey	6/30/00
Wilbert Stevenson	6/30/00
Steven Syriac	6/30/00
Roy Bergeron	6/30/01
David Conkey	6/30/01
John Hawley	6/30/01
Bruce Jenks	6/30/01
Frances Lofland	6/30/01
Thomas Majerowski	6/30/01
Linda Saba	6/30/01
Jeff Scott	6/30/01
James Taylor	6/30/01
Sean Bracey(appt.2/14/00)	6/30/01
Scott Chapman(appt.6/12/00)	6/30/01
Joseph Stefano (appt.10/23/00)	6/30/01

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Fair Committee

Rebecca Newsome (res.1/17/00)	6/30/00
William Austin	6/30/01
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/01
Cindy Brown	6/30/01
Kevin Brown	6/30/01
Mark Nute	6/30/01
Nancy Searle	6/30/01
Cathy A. Terry(appt.2/14/00)	6/30/01
Peg. Louraine(appt.2/14/00)	6/30/01
Carla Chaisson(appt.2/14/00)	6/30/01

Finance Committee

Susan J.	6/30/01
Cameron(res.3/24/00)	
Gloria E. Ortiz	6/30/01
Luc Hardyn(appt.11/06/00)	6/30/01
Roseann Martoccia	6/30/02
Paul M. Silva	6/30/02
Joel Slupnicki	6/30/03

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock	6/30/01
Donald C. Elliott, Jr.	6/30/01
Robert S. Coates, Jr. (Alternate)	6/30/00

Belchertown's Community Emergency

Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock(appt.8/21/00)

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Board of Health – Appointments

Quabbin Health District

Randall Gauley, Health Inspector	6/30/01
Judy Metcalf, Dir. Of Public Health	6/30/01

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/01
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/01
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Inspector of Animals

Robert Novick	2/28/00
Cynthia Stedman(appt.6/5/00)	2/28/01

High School Building Committee

Douglas Albertson	Final Report
Eric Bernardin	Final Report
Edward J. Ciosek	Final Report
Patrick S. Daly	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Gerald A. Grasso	Final Report
Simon James	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz	Final Report
Franklin D. Wenzel	Final Report
Richard White	Final Report
James Brown, Assoc. Mbr.	
David M. Sammataro, Assoc. Mbr.	
Melissa Michaud, Non- Voting Adjunct Mbr.	
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr., (non-voting member)	
Richard Pazasis, Ex-Officio	

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Historical Commission

Christine Harper		6/30/00
Kenneth F. Kitchell,		6/30/01
Jr.(appt.6/12/00)		
Vincent DiMarco		6/30/01
Hilary Woodcock(res.2/27/00)		6/30/01
Judith Fuller		6/30/01
Gillan(appt.6/12/00)		
Gail Pisacane		6/30/02
Leslie Squires		6/30/02
James Chevalier		6/30/02
Adam Sweet(appt.9/5/00)		6/30/03

Historic District Commission

Doris Dickinson		6/30/00
Jacqueline Dupre		6/30/01
John B. Curry III		6/30/02
Christopher Bloom		6/30/02
Annie M. Steiner(appt.7/10/00)		6/30/03
Louis Faassen(appt.10/16/00)		6/30/03

Holiday Lighting Committee
(appt. 6/26/00)

Peg Louraine		6/30/01
Jay Rossi		6/30/01
Cheryl Dutton		6/30/01
Debra J. Grudgen		6/30/01

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima		6/30/01
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry		6/30/01
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Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Owen P. Clifford(deceased		6/30/01
8/7/00)		

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Assistant Inspectors
of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.		6/30/01
Christopher A. Hubbard		6/30/01

Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae		6/30/01
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Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Paul Choiniere		6/30/01
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Personnel Board

Lester Howard		6/30/01
Maureen A. Wildey		6/30/01
David C. Kuzmeski		6/30/02
M. Florine Neggers		6/30/03
Themis J. Tsoumas		6/30/03

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson		
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Planning Board - Alternates
(Members Appointed)

Ronald Akins		6/30/01
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Planning Board - Associate Member
(Members Appointed)

J.Arnold Voehringer		6/30/00
Joe D. Gilman(appt.6/27/00)		6/30/01

Police Chief

Robert A. Knight		
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Police Department - Lieutenant

William C. Zobka		6/30/01
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Police Department – Sergeants

(Full-time)

Francis Fox, Jr.	6/30/01
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/01
James Jackson, Jr.	6/30/01

Police Department – Patrol Officers

(Full-time)

Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/01
Sean Bracey	6/30/01
David A. Conkey	6/30/01
Joseph Fillmore	6/30/01
Bruce Jenks	6/30/01
Winthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/01
Edward H. Oey	6/30/01
Kevin J. Pacunas	6/30/01
William A. Panto	6/30/01
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/01
Jeffrey Sendek	6/30/01

Police Department – Patrol Officers

(Part-time)

John Bonafini	6/30/01
James Daniels	6/30/01
Sean Hamel	6/30/01
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/01
James Taylor	6/30/01
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/01

Constables

John Milner	6/30/01
Andrew Sears	6/30/01

Police Candidate Review Committee

Orin Bracey	6/30/01
Patricia Sheridan	6/30/01
Al Roccanti(appt.9/18/00)	6/30/01

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Police Station Building Committee

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Derooin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Eleanor Green, Assistant

Public Weigher

Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/01
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Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVTA (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

James J. Natle(off 6/13/00)	
Daniel R.	
Beaudette(eff.6/13/00)	
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/01

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven Williams	6/30/01
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PVTA Advisory Board

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/01
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**Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce
Business Assistance Loan Program
(Belchertown's Representative)**

William F. Steplar(res.6/30/00)

Gregory Galanek(appt.8/7/00)

**Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce
Regional Economic Development
(Belchertown's Representatives)**

Michael Reardon Final Report

David Roberts Final Report

Rationing Board

David H. Squires 6/30/01

Patricia J. Mitchell 6/30/02

Richard F. Dzialo 6/30/03

Recreation Committee

Garry M. Bock 6/30/00

David S. Whipple, Assoc. 6/30/00

Karen Schiffer, Assoc. 6/30/01

Nancy A. Kwiatkowski 6/30/01

William R. Lafleur 6/30/01

(res.12/18/00)

Thomas Kubacki, 6/30/01

Assoc.(appt.9/5/00)

Chris Daley, 6/30/01

Assoc.(appt.9/5/00)

Kathleen W. Scruton, 6/30/01

Assoc.(appt.9/5/00)

Robert L. Chartier 6/30/02

Bruce C. Smith 6/30/02

William Eldridge, Assoc.(then 6/30/03

full mbr eff.8/21/00)

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

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Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock Final Report

David Cushing Final Report

James Phaneuf Final Report

Tilo R. Schiffer Final Report

Themis J. Tsoumas Final Report

Michael VanDyke Final Report

Registrars of Voters

Dorothy M. Brennen 3/31/00
(res.1/28/00)

Pauline C. Johnson 3/31/01

William R. Barnett, Clerk 6/30/01

Dorothy A. Pomietlarz 3/31/02

M.Florine Neggers 3/31/03

(appt.2/14/00)

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury 3/31/01

(Belchertown High School)

Richard M. Sinkoski 3/31/01

(Pathfinder)

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault 8/31/01

Election Officers – Precinct A

Elizabeth Leger 8/31/01

(Warden)(eff.3/6/00; was

Prec.C Clk)

Winifred Shattuck 8/31/00

(Clerk)(appt.3/6/00)

Susan Dion 8/31/01

(Clerk)(appt.8/21/00)

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane Ricchiazzi (Warden) 8/31/01

Donna Abely (Clerk) 8/31/01

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Election Officers - Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden)	8/31/01
Elizabeth Leger (Clerk)(to Prec.A Warden eff. 3/6/00)	8/31/00
Clara Very (Clerk)(appt.3/6/00)	8/31/01

Rent Control Board

Ronald Akins	6/30/00
Hebert E. Squires	6/30/01
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/02
Tracy Steadman	6/30/03
Mitchell Vincent	6/30/04
Helen S. Andrews (appt.8/7/00)	6/30/05

School Crossing Guards

Hector Tetreault	6/30/01
Andrew Sears, Sub.	6/30/01

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/01
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Senior Center Building Committee

Barbara Cummings	Final Report
Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyрка	Final Report

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Skateboard Park Committee

(appt. 8/7/00)

Randy Johnson	6/30/01
Michele Auletta	6/30/01
Nathan Tarleton, Assoc. (appt.9/5/00)	6/30/01
Guy Savoie, Assoc. (appt.9/5/00)	6/30/01
Lynn Sikes	6/30/02
Nancy Barnes	6/30/02
Cynthia Bourbeau	6/30/03
Amy D'Amours	6/30/03
Ann Phelps	6/30/03

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham

Overseer of William Stebbins Account

Michael J. Reardon

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/01
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Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Gregory Bowler	6/30/01
Arthur L. Dunbar	6/30/01
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/01
James P. Kearney	6/30/01
Frank Lomanno	6/30/01

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett(was appt.position,then elected eff.5/15/00)(see elec.officers)	6/30/00
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Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/01
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Treasurer-Collector

William R. Barnett		6/30/03
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Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Lisa M. Banner		6/30/01
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Deputy Collectors

Gloria J. Conkey (office)		6/2001
Shirley Dillard (office)		8/2001
Arthur C. Jones		12/2001
William F. Corbett		12/2001

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige		6/30/01
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Veterans' Graves Officer

Robert C. Messier (res.6/30/00)		3/31/01
Vincent Viglione (was Asst. until 7/24/00)		3/31/01

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione(to Graves Officer eff. 7/24/00)		3/31/01
Kathleen Wood(appt.8/21/00)		3/31/01
John Milner(appt. 8/21/00)		3/31/01

Veterans' Services Agent

A. William Carrier		6/30/00
Robert C.Messier (appt.6/5/00,eff.7/1/00)		6/30/01

Veterans' Burial Agent

Robert C. Messier(eff.7/1/00)		
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War Memorial Committee

Roy F. Whidden		6/30/00
Francis A. Dudek		6/30/01
Edward T. Knight,Assoc.(appt.9/25/00)		6/30/01
Peter G. Thorpe		6/30/02
Leo Beauchemin		6/30/03
Herbert E. Squires		6/30/03
F.Thomas Keefe(appt.9/25/00)		6/30/03

Zoning Board of Appeals

Scott Surner		6/30/00
Michael A. Roncolato		6/30/01
Sandra Webb		6/30/02
Diane Loftus Mas(from Assoc.,eff.8/21/00)		6/30/03

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Raymond Goff		6/30/01
Diane Loftus Mas(to reg.mbr. eff. 8/21/00)		6/30/01
John Milner(eff.8/21/00)		6/30/01

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima		6/30/01
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*Front (left to right): Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman
Steven D. Rose, Linda E. Barron
Back (left to right): Gerald A. Grasso, Michael J.
Reardon*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The past fiscal year has been remarkable for important milestones reached, significant progress accomplished on capital projects, and specific planning implemented for anticipated future needs.

First the good news; our town was able to open for use a brand new Senior Center and Police Station at the William G. Whitlock Center. Our Senior Center is a beautiful and functional building providing much needed services for the senior population of Belchertown. The Center is slightly more than 10,000 square feet, equipped with modern kitchen facilities which are currently preparing over 200 meals per day for the Meals on Wheels program seven days a week. The new Senior Center is home for numerous programs for active seniors, as well as the social daycare services. The new building is also fully capable of emergency service to the community, and is designated as an emergency shelter. Thanks to the efforts of so many people, our town has a Senior Center that is the envy of many communities.

Likewise, our new Police Station replaces the completely inadequate 1,600 square foot facility that was located on East Walnut Street. The new building has over 11,000 square feet, five new cells, and is a state-of-the-art facility which includes community space, and adequate provisions for staff and custody of evidence. Again, the fruition of this project was the result of countless hours of the Building Committee, the Chief and others resulting in a building that the entire town can be proud of.

The next major milestone was that we were able to break ground for the new Belchertown High School. As I write this report, the contractors are in the process of installing a portion of roof, and the target date for access to the building is April of 2002, with full use as a school by September 2002.

The Board of Selectmen has consistently made as a policy goal to bring new business to Belchertown to alleviate the high tax burden of a residential bedroom community. The EDIC has merged with the "Can Do" Committee and has receipt of the new State appraisal of parcels of D and E in the amount of \$570,000. Planning is actively taking place to utilize these two parcels to generate tax relief.

The Stadler Street sewer lines are in the ground, the Springfield Road portion is complete, and the Pine Valley sewer line is approximately 70 percent complete. Other projects include the reconstruction of the intersection of Main Street and Maple Street. Although some of the work has been completed, we are currently awaiting the new poles and

paving which should be completed in the spring upon delivery of the mast arms and new signals. Our Wastewater Treatment Plant has an anticipated completion date of May 2001.

Unfortunately, the past fiscal year has seen some disappointments and controversies. The Cold Spring Golf Course has experienced significant legal difficulties, however the Town remains optimistic that the owners and developers can get this project back on track in the near future. The proposed Milestone Crossing shopping plaza is currently being downsized by Stop & Shop, however it is hoped that actual construction will begin this spring. Our town just narrowly missed the funding level required for a sewer extension for the Tri-Lakes area, which remains a committed goal for the Town of Belchertown. The Board of Selectmen voted to appropriate surplus lottery funds for specific tax relief, and as a result the tax rate was increased by only .4 cents per thousand. We are very concerned, however, that there are potential storms on the horizon, which require a conservative approach to future budget discussions. Specifically, the State mandated education reform and the new Chapter 70 formula remains uncertain. Fixed expenses, such as insurance costs, are skyrocketing. Therefore, it is anticipated that the fiscal year 2002 budget will in fact be very lean and because of these financial uncertainties the Board of Selectmen is committed to increasing our stabilization fund, which was woefully inadequate.

Belchertown remains one of the fastest growing towns in the Commonwealth. Significant progress is being made towards formulating a Master Plan, which would set policy and manage that growth. However, the Master Plan itself is a means to an end and tough decisions have to be made by the Town's citizens in the future to limit growth. In spite of these growth challenges, we can take great pride that our School System has consistently done well with the MCAS testing. We have an abundance of talented folks working for Belchertown in every single department, and by working together we can insure the future of our wonderful town.

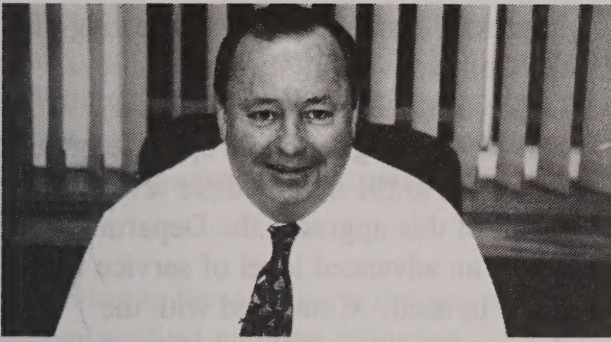
Respectfully submitted,

Steven D. Rose, Chairman
Board of Selectmen



Blanche Joyal (seated), Belchertown's Gold Cane Recipient, celebrates her 100th birthday at a party on February 27, 2000

Standing (left to right): Selectmen Michael Reardon, Ronald Aponte, Gerald Grasso and Linda Barron; Representative Reed Hillman



Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

One of the most pleasurable aspects of serving as Town Administrator is the ability to participate in our community's development. Over the past 12 months, the significance of the development we have experienced on the Town's agenda is unparalleled in this municipality's history.

Beginning at the first hint of spring, construction resumed on all three of the major sewer projects that had began the previous year. These major infrastructure projects will extend municipal sewer service throughout the Stadler Street area, cross country and intercepting the new High School site, onto Springfield Road to Pendleton Estates and into Pine Valley Plantation. When complete, these services will provide sewer services to an additional 400 existing homes, an established business park, the new High School and possibly the proposed Cold Spring Golf Course. In addition, reserve capacity has been engineered into the design to accept future users of existing industrial-zoned land within the new service area. It remains our objective to provide a leveling affect of rising sewer user fees created by the \$10 million upgrade of our Wastewater Reclamation

Facility by expanding our service area and increasing our user base. These recent enhancements will complete Phase I of that plan.

In addition to these projects, the Town took beneficial use of our newly constructed 10,000 square foot Senior Center. This facility officially opened May 20, 2000 with a formal ribbon-cutting. The event was attended by hundreds of well-wishers from our community and beyond. Although the weather was cold and damp, the enthusiasm generated by the anticipation of occupying this wonderful facility warmed the hearts of most in attendance. What a reaction on the faces of the two founders of the Belchertown Senior Center, Clare Oberly and Louise Wadsworth-Blood, when they cut the ribbon after a 25 year crusade to find a home.

Several weeks after the ribbon-cutting at our Senior Center, we moved to the opposite side of State Street to celebrate the groundbreaking for our new High School. It was a beautiful Saturday morning in June when young and old alike gathered to witness this historic event. When complete in the Fall of 2002, this 161,000 square foot, \$32 million learning center, will become the final local destination for thousands of our school students travelling off to college, the military, job market or wherever their careers take them.

Just weeks following the High School event, town residents, members of the law enforcement community from throughout the State, as well as local and

State officials gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the new Police Headquarters. This state-of-the-art facility of 11,000 square feet, will provide the men and women of the Belchertown Police Department a safe, comfortable and capable facility to engage in their profession.

Although new construction is a major component of our workload, we must continue to expand and improve Town services as well.

During the past year, the Belchertown Fire Department has taken delivery of nine sets of new self-contained breathing apparatus, a fully equipped four-wheel drive administrative vehicle, and awarded a purchase order for the fabrication of a new front line engine. This new piece of apparatus, estimated to cost \$270,000, will replace the Department's 28 year old front line pumper. As our community continues to grow, the physical size and type of structures we experience will require more capable and costly additions to our firefighting fleet.

In addition, our Emergency Medical Services Department experienced significant improvements. As a result of the relocation of the Police Department, the EMS Department was able to relocate its operation to 90 East Walnut Street. This former Post Office and Police Department has become the primary facility for the Department's administrative and employee needs. In addition, garaging for the Department's vehicles has been upgraded to a bay at the Fire Department. Patient care, a high priority of our EMS Department, also

improved dramatically by requesting of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Emergency Medical Services to be granted an upgrade of our operation to the intermediate level. As a result of this upgrade, the Department offers an advanced level of service to those in need. Combined with the delivery of a new ambulance recently, our EMS Department is more appropriately positioned to respond quickly, professionally and efficiently to calls of any magnitude.

After months of planning, our Recreation Department also relocated to space reserved for them within a former Nursery Building at the William G. Whitlock Municipal Complex. This relocation affords large working areas, a beautiful conference room and equipment storage areas to accommodate the Department's many needs. Conveniently located near the Town's schools, pool, tennis court, Teen Center and Senior Center, the Recreation Department is appropriately positioned to service this rapidly growing community. Directly across the street from the Recreation Department / Teen Center, townspeople will soon enjoy the developing interests at the recently identified Freedom Center. Once again utilizing space within a second former Nursery Building, the Board of Selectmen designated areas to be occupied by our Public Access TV 5, Belchertown's American Legion Post and Belchertown's Senior Center. I anticipate additional announcements in this area will be forthcoming as this building is made safe for occupancy.

As Town Administrator, I am extremely pleased with our progress at the William G. Whitlock Municipal Complex and pledge my full support to revitalizing the remaining structures and grounds of Parcel A.

In addition to these major activities, we remain involved with the following priority items as well:

- Eastern Hampshire County Courthouse relocation to Belchertown
- Main Street and Maple Street intersection re-construction
- Belchertown Post Office renovation/relocation
- Tri-Lakes sewer project
- Various capital procurement and grant administration projects
- The proposed Milestone Crossing development
- Cold Springs Golf Course, Banquet Facility and Condominium project

As always, we like to boast about the completion and improved services the accomplishments provide, however we never lose site of the financial impact they pose on our taxpayers. In a high growth community such as ours, the difficult task of meeting the additional needs of our community in a cost effective manner is both frustrating and challenging. Grant opportunities are on the decline, local taxes are something no one wishes to entertain, and borrowing only compounds the overall financial pictures. As a result of this, we strive to secure the grants and giveaways in spite of increased competition, and use taxes and borrowing as a last resort in every situation.

As an essential component of our operation, staffing adjustments are made periodically to provide additional service or replace displaced employees. As a result of this, I am pleased to welcome the following new employees to their respective positions:

- Zachary Bombard – Assessors' Office
- Steve Malandrinos - Computing Department
- Eric Jenks - Department of Emergency Medical Services
- Denis Lessard - Highway Department
- Max Bock - Maintenance Department
- Sean Madden - Maintenance Department
- James Daniels - Police Department
- Mary Long - Police Department
- Kimberly Rossi - Senior Center
- Robert Sapoucky - Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Scott Hennessey - Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Henry Bose - Accounting Office and Collector's Office

I wish all of these individuals the best of luck as employees of the Town of Belchertown.

In addition, there are endless volunteer opportunities within our Town. In fact, I am confident we have an opportunity that was custom-made for any person's interest. Considering the needs of the Belchertown Fair Committee, Holiday Lighting Committee, Public Access Channel 5, Recreation Department, Clapp Memorial Library, Historical Commission and Historic District

Commission, Senior Center, Fire Department and countless others, we have a position for everyone regardless of your interests and time constraints. A simple call to the Selectmen's Office (323-0403) is all one must do to become involved.

As with our dedicated employees, the efforts of our hardworking volunteers often go unnoticed; consequently, I wish to also thank each one of you. Without your dedication and vision, the many memorable community events and services we have grown to anticipate and enjoy would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during their term. The Committee is not governed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Town officer or board.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund.

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and

presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews Warrant Articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting.

For Fiscal Year 2001 (July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001) the Town's budgeted operating expenses have increased by approximately \$1.8 million (about 7%) as compared to Fiscal Year 2000 appropriations. The majority of additional operating expenses are attributable to increases in school needs, which include the Belchertown School District and Pathfinder Regional as well as the third year of loan payments for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Line Extension project. Each year will bring added revenue from sewer fees as more customers are brought "on line" and these revenues will offset loan payments.

Construction of the new high school has begun and borrowing related to this project will occur as scheduled. In Fiscal Year 2001, Town departments grew marginally and the largest areas of need are a direct result of supporting new buildings (Police, Fire, Senior Center) and insuring the capacity to respond to required services (DPW, roads, maintenance of facilities and grounds, information technology).

The new Police Station and Senior Center, which are “anchors” of the W. Gerry Whitlock Municipal Complex located on the former State School property are now completed and operating successfully. The new High School and expanding Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer line extension project continue to require the Town to provide “initial investment” funding until State reimbursement for the high school or user fees begin to offset the Town’s contribution and substantively assist with operating costs. The reality is that Fiscal Year 2001 and, at least, the next two fiscal years will be years that spending will have to be limited to “necessary priorities” for the Town of Belchertown.

The growing population and resulting needs of the citizens of Belchertown in the areas of infrastructure, public works, public safety and education require a three-prong approach of prudent spending, careful planning for the future and continued attention to other potential sources of revenue for this municipality. As capital investments have been the current focus, the Stabilization Fund has not been able to be increased very much but the Finance Committee will seek any opportunity to increase the amount of funds in this set aside account. The Finance Committee is interested in following the progress of the Planning Board as they complete a Master Plan for the Town. The Committee is also watchful of any and all efforts that would result in increased revenues for the Town.

The Finance Committee is pleased to be a part of an exciting time of growth for the Town and responding to critical needs

which face our residents. However, our commitment is to act responsibly and examine each request made in the Department budgets, which comprise the overall operating budget for the Town. We are also committed to advising the Town Meeting on any capital appropriation in a manner which has reviewed factors including cost efficiency, cost savings and increased service, which will benefit the residents of Belchertown. We are in a position of working collaboratively with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee during the annual budget process and as needs arise during the fiscal year with the common goal of providing quality services and maintaining prudent financial decision making. It is with these things in mind that the Finance Committee exercises its responsibility to advise town meeting on matters with impact to the amount of tax dollars paid by the residents and homeowners of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee
Gloria E. Ortiz, Chairman
Roseann Martoccia
Joel Slupnicki
Paul Silva
Luc Hardyn



Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2000

ASSETS

Cash		4,355,265.37
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	874,532.36	
Property Taxes of 2001	5,782,504.25	
Excise Taxes	140,289.71	
Tax Liens	913,289.98	
Special Assessments	311,353.25	
Departmental	85,819.00	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(497,428.41)</u>	
		7,610,360.14
Tax Foreclosure		<u>20,238.71</u>
Total Assets		<u>11,985,864.22</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		1,255,299.06
Due Other Governments		5,313.00
Employee Withholdings		75,378.49
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	6,066,608.20	
Excise Taxes	140,289.71	
Tax Liens	913,289.98	
Special Assessments	311,353.25	
Departmental	85,819.00	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>20,238.71</u>	
		7,537,598.85
Unclaimed Checks		<u>14,790.71</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>8,888,380.11</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Encumbrances		1,179,157.26
Reserve for Expenditure		196,054.00
Unreserved Fund Balance		1,727,759.85
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under		<u>(5,487.00)</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>3,097,484.11</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>11,985,864.22</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2000

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	4,355,265.37	1,310,343.44	3,593,927.47	294,951.96	233,614.56	1,071,010.52		10,859,113.32
Petty Cash Advance		3,819.00						3,819.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	874,532.36							874,532.36
Property Taxes of 2001	5,782,504.25							5,782,504.25
Excise Taxes	140,289.71							140,289.71
Tax Liens	913,289.98			2,715.62				916,005.60
Special Assessments	311,353.25							311,353.25
Departmental	85,819.00			95,656.01				181,475.01
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(497,428.41)							(497,428.41)
Tax Foreclosures	20,238.71							20,238.71
Grant Receivable		204,600.00	415,300.00					619,900.00
Due From Commonwealth		692,009.97	378,092.00					1,070,101.97
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable		374,820.00	6,040,525.00					6,415,345.00
Due from MWPAAT			4,043,855.55					4,043,855.55
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							21,067,542.00	21,067,542.00
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							1,071,614.00	1,071,614.00
Total Assets	<u>11,985,864.22</u>	<u>2,585,592.41</u>	<u>14,471,700.02</u>	<u>393,323.59</u>	<u>233,614.56</u>	<u>1,071,010.52</u>	<u>22,139,156.00</u>	<u>52,880,261.32</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	1,255,299.06	109,063.77		19,814.13	18,073.80	2,726.00		1,404,976.76
Due Other Governments	5,313.00							5,313.00
Employee Withholdings	75,378.49							75,378.49

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2000

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	6,066,608.20							6,066,608.20
Excise Taxes	140,289.71							140,289.71
Tax Liens	913,289.98			2,715.62				916,005.60
Special Assessments	311,353.25							311,353.25
Departmental	85,819.00			95,656.01				181,475.01
Tax Foreclosures	20,238.71							20,238.71
Government Receivable		692,009.97						692,009.97
Grant Receivable		204,600.00	793,392.00					997,992.00
MWPAT Receivable			4,043,855.55					4,043,855.55
Temporary Loan-Bond Anticipation			6,040,525.00					6,121,285.00
Temporary Loan-State Anticipation		80,760.00						294,060.00
Bond Indebtedness		294,060.00					21,067,542.00	21,067,542.00
Compensated Absences							1,071,614.00	1,071,614.00
Unclaimed Checks	14,790.71							14,790.71
Total Liabilities	8,888,380.11	1,380,493.74	10,877,772.55	118,185.76	18,073.80	2,726.00	22,139,156.00	43,424,787.96
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,179,157.26							1,179,157.26
Reserve for Expenditures	196,054.00							681,054.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,727,759.85			318,000.00	167,000.00			1,727,759.85
Fund Bal. Designated for Over/Under	(5,487.00)							(5,487.00)
Designated for Subs. Years Expense		1,205,098.67						1,205,098.67
Reserved Fund Balance			3,593,927.47	(42,862.17)	48,540.76	1,068,284.52		4,662,211.99
Retained Earnings								5,678.59
Total Fund Equity	3,097,484.11	1,205,098.67	3,593,927.47	275,137.83	215,540.76	1,068,284.52	0.00	9,455,473.36
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	11,985,864.22	2,585,592.41	14,471,700.02	393,323.59	233,614.56	1,071,010.52	22,139,156.00	52,880,261.32

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2000

	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS</u>			<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY TYP</u>	<u>TOTALS</u> (Memo. Only)
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Rev.</u>	<u>Capital Funds</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Landfill</u>		
Revenue:	11,095,536.90						11,095,536.90
Taxes	10,136,874.73						10,136,874.73
State Receipts	1,076,797.68						1,076,797.68
Excise Taxes	176,449.29						176,449.29
Tax Liens	155,237.73						155,237.73
Lieu Taxes	215,361.95						215,361.95
Licenses & Permits	74,771.97						74,771.97
Special Assessments	465,313.74	70,930.19				61,826.85	598,070.78
Interest	81,120.00						81,120.00
Fines & Forfeits	240,115.24			318,381.06	137,481.60	264.90	1,531,873.00
Departmental Revenue	14,408.50	835,630.20					14,408.50
Fees	51,226.50						51,226.50
Off-Set Receipts	2,032.00						2,032.00
Rentals	27,300.00						27,300.00
Umass Transit	140,499.00						140,499.00
Medicaid	10,041.05				1,852.53		353,040.56
Miscellaneous		341,146.98					1,427,800.70
Grants		1,427,800.70					39,151.24
Performance Guarantees		39,151.24					71,229.35
Gifts		71,229.35					6,415,345.00
Temporary Loans		374,820.00					4,235,001.45
MWPAT			6,040,525.00				
			<u>4,235,001.45</u>				
Total Revenues	23,963,086.28	3,160,708.66	10,275,526.45	318,381.06	139,334.13	62,091.75	37,919,128.33

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2000

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYP xpendable Trust	TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill		
Expenditures:							
General Government	998,075.38	340,573.43				12,000.00	1,350,648.81
Protection of Persons & Property	1,616,109.56	113,716.05					1,729,825.61
Education	14,504,377.09	1,512,723.22					16,017,100.31
Public Works	995,991.97	316,880.56		256,797.56	206,344.95	7,568.17	1,783,583.21
Human Services	331,513.27	158,355.19				17,455.65	507,324.11
Culture & Recreation	439,603.51	382,788.20					822,391.71
Insurance & Unclassified	1,422,700.85			353,166.20			1,422,700.85
Debt & Interest	1,627,837.42						1,981,003.62
State Assessments	214,300.00			8,169.13			214,300.00
Prior Year Expenditures	302,912.53		9,005,257.33				9,005,257.33
Construction			14,606.60				14,606.60
Equipment							
Total Expenditures	<u>22,453,421.58</u>	<u>2,825,036.65</u>	<u>9,019,863.93</u>	<u>618,132.89</u>	<u>206,344.95</u>	<u>37,023.82</u>	<u>35,159,823.82</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,509,664.70	335,672.01	1,255,662.52	(299,751.83)	(67,010.82)	25,067.93	2,759,304.51
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	3,231.92	434,406.58	256,000.00	107,055.00	0.00	72,000.00	872,693.50
Operating Transfers Out	<u>857,935.72</u>	<u>3,231.92</u>	<u>11525.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>872,693.50</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(854,703.80)</u>	<u>431,174.66</u>	<u>244,474.14</u>	<u>107,055.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	654,960.90	766,846.67	1,500,136.66	(192,696.83)	(67,010.82)	97,067.93	2,759,304.51
Fund Balance 7-1-99	<u>2,442,523.21</u>	<u>434,433.00</u>	<u>2,093,790.81</u>	<u>467,834.66</u>	<u>282,551.58</u>	<u>320,983.25</u>	<u>6,042,116.51</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-98	<u>3,097,484.11</u>	<u>1,201,279.67</u>	<u>3,593,927.47</u>	<u>275,137.83</u>	<u>215,540.76</u>	<u>418,051.18</u>	<u>8,801,421.02</u>

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2000

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY01
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$0.00	
Selectmen	\$25,416.00		\$22,975.05	\$2,440.95	
Town Administrator	\$70,150.00		\$68,144.24	\$2,005.76	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$750.00		\$749.49	\$0.51	
Finance Committee	\$527.00		\$202.04	\$324.96	
Reserve Fund	\$30,000.00	(\$22,150.00)	\$0.00	\$7,850.00	
Town Accountant	\$178,966.00		\$176,423.98	\$2,542.02	
MIS Director	\$123,449.00		\$120,816.35	\$2,632.65	
Assessors	\$184,358.00		\$170,447.59	\$13,910.41	\$854.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$172,611.00		\$159,597.49	\$13,013.51	\$6,476.00
Law Account	\$96,300.00		\$90,818.24	\$5,481.76	
Town Clerk	\$64,839.00		\$64,813.67	\$25.33	
Election & Registration	\$14,025.00	\$750.00	\$14,766.58	\$8.42	
Conservation Commission	\$39,650.00		\$38,986.81	\$663.19	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$1,586.85		\$1,586.85	\$0.00	
Planning Board	\$64,515.00		\$61,591.09	\$2,923.91	
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$4,388.00		\$968.81	\$3,419.19	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$200.00		\$61.31	\$138.69	
EDIC	\$2,500.00		\$2,499.15	\$0.85	
Task Force-Broaden Tax Base	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$420.00	\$580.00	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$4,000.00</u>		<u>\$2,181.64</u>	<u>\$1,818.36</u>	
	\$1,078,255.85	(\$20,400.00)	\$998,075.38	\$59,780.47	\$7,330.00
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>					
Police Department	\$1,166,217.00		\$1,152,494.03	\$13,722.97	\$1,785.45
Fire Department	\$210,893.00	\$800.00	\$205,602.53	\$6,090.47	
Hydrant Service	\$18,715.00		\$18,714.40	\$0.60	
EMS	\$102,950.00	\$14,800.00	\$117,700.50	\$49.50	
Injured on Duty	\$10,000.00		\$7,043.50	\$2,956.50	\$1,276.67
Inspection Services	\$108,700.00		\$97,046.71	\$11,653.29	\$2,081.85
Civil Defense	\$1,670.00		\$620.44	\$1,049.56	
Dog Officer	<u>\$18,086.00</u>		<u>\$16,887.45</u>	<u>\$1,198.55</u>	
	\$1,637,231.00	\$15,600.00	\$1,616,109.56	\$36,721.44	\$5,143.97
<u>EDUCATION</u>					
Town Schools	\$14,203,688.00		\$13,853,778.09	\$349,909.91	\$316,814.44
Regional School	<u>\$650,599.00</u>		<u>\$650,599.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$14,854,287.00	\$0.00	\$14,504,377.09	\$349,909.91	\$316,814.44

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2000

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY01
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>					
Personal Services	\$378,312.00		\$373,772.61	\$4,539.39	
Professional Engineering	\$10,500.00		\$10,497.02	\$2.98	
Administration	\$3,575.00	\$1,200.00	\$4,412.61	\$362.39	
Snow & Ice Control	\$100,050.00		\$92,679.48	\$7,370.52	
Street Lighting	\$30,000.00		\$26,693.93	\$3,306.07	
Road Machinery	\$55,700.00	\$2,800.00	\$58,499.79	\$0.21	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	\$64,800.00		\$64,717.41	\$82.59	
Town Garage	\$13,350.00		\$12,466.68	\$883.32	
Hired Services	\$48,300.00		\$48,299.27	\$0.73	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$198,900.00		\$196,810.85	\$2,089.15	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$29,090.00		\$26,191.78	\$2,898.22	
Finnerty House	\$4,150.00		\$3,448.29	\$701.71	
New Police Station	\$5,595.00		\$4,285.10	\$1,309.90	\$1,300.00
New Senior Center	\$6,299.00		\$6,293.76	\$5.24	
Teen Center Building	\$14,931.00		\$13,888.51	\$1,042.49	\$841.00
Nursery #1	\$7,000.00		\$6,877.06	\$122.94	
Cemetery Department	\$31,574.00		\$31,197.98	\$376.02	
Old Town Hall	\$5,284.00		\$4,905.59	\$378.41	
Town Common	\$1,350.00		\$1,254.80	\$95.20	
Town Clock	\$600.00		\$588.64	\$11.36	
Old Police Station	<u>\$9,350.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$8,210.81</u>	<u>\$1,139.19</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	\$1,018,710.00	\$4,000.00	\$995,991.97	\$26,718.03	\$3,141.00
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>					
Board of Health	\$25,640.00		\$10,996.41	\$14,643.59	
Quabbin Health District	\$74,070.51		\$71,502.00	\$2,568.51	\$2,568.51
Clean Lakes - Arcadia	\$7,500.00		\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Council on Aging	\$208,908.00		\$208,898.80	\$9.20	
Veterans' Services	<u>\$49,025.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$40,116.06</u>	<u>\$8,908.94</u>	<u> </u>
	\$365,143.51	\$0.00	\$331,513.27	\$33,630.24	\$10,068.51
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>					
Clapp Memorial Library	\$216,718.00		\$210,399.14	\$6,318.86	
Recreation Department	\$122,107.00		\$120,974.24	\$1,132.76	
Recreation - Pool	\$67,384.00		\$67,255.76	\$128.24	
Teen Center Operating	\$22,148.00	\$600.00	\$22,745.08	\$2.92	
Town Beach	\$18,245.00		\$18,229.29	\$15.71	
Historic District	\$348.00		\$0.00	\$348.00	
Historical Commission	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$460.00
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u> </u>
	\$447,750.00	\$600.00	\$439,603.51	\$8,746.49	\$460.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2000

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY01
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>					
Unclassified	\$41,300.00		\$39,894.47	\$1,405.53	
Council of Governments	\$61,108.00		\$61,108.00	\$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$36,203.00		\$14,335.70	\$21,867.30	\$73.62
Pensions	\$697,878.00		\$697,378.00	\$500.00	
Unemployment	\$7,000.00		\$0.00	\$7,000.00	
Medicare	\$33,500.00	\$200.00	\$33,689.23	\$10.77	
Health Insurance	\$311,800.00		\$311,800.00	\$0.00	
Group Life	\$1,500.00		\$1,096.48	\$403.52	
One-Time & Capital FY))	\$811,108.00		\$141,405.53	\$669,702.47	\$669,702.47
General Insurance	\$125,782.86		\$121,639.98	\$4,142.88	
Unpaid Bills-Prior Year	<u>\$353.46</u>		<u>\$353.46</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$2,127,533.32	\$200.00	\$1,422,700.85	\$705,032.47	\$669,776.09
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>					
Maturing Debt	\$1,123,841.00		\$1,070,179.00	\$53,662.00	
Interest	<u>\$1,063,228.00</u>		<u>\$987,065.00</u> *	<u>\$76,163.00</u>	<u>\$429,406.58</u> *
	\$2,187,069.00	\$0.00	\$2,057,244.00	\$129,825.00	\$429,406.58 *
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
General Government	\$1,078,255.85	(\$20,400.00)	\$998,075.38	\$59,780.47	\$7,330.00
Protection of Persons/Property	\$1,637,231.00	\$15,600.00	\$1,616,109.56	\$36,721.44	\$5,143.97
Education	\$14,854,287.00	\$0.00	\$14,504,377.09	\$349,909.91	\$316,814.44
Public Works	\$1,018,710.00	\$4,000.00	\$995,991.97	\$26,718.03	\$3,141.00
Human Services	\$365,143.51	\$0.00	\$331,513.27	\$33,630.24	\$10,068.51
Culture & Recreation	\$447,750.00	\$600.00	\$439,603.51	\$8,746.49	\$460.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$2,127,533.32	\$200.00	\$1,422,700.85	\$705,032.47	\$669,776.09
Debt & Interest	<u>\$2,187,069.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,057,244.00</u> *	<u>\$129,825.00</u>	<u>*</u>
	\$23,715,979.68	\$0.00	\$22,365,615.63	\$1,350,364.05	\$1,012,734.01
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$482,272.67</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$302,912.53</u>	<u>\$179,360.14</u>	<u>\$166,423.25</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$24,198,252.35</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$22,668,528.16</u>	<u>\$1,529,724.19</u>	<u>\$1,179,157.26</u>

*\$429,406.58 transferred to Special Revenue

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2000

	Brought Forward	Appropriation In (Out)	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY01
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
B.S.S. Infrastructure	\$162,619.09		\$134,225.12	\$28,393.97	\$28,393.97
School Department	\$34,481.68		\$28,811.57	\$5,670.11	
General Government	\$10,467.36		\$9,799.36	\$668.00	\$668.00
Protection Persons/Property	\$8,156.49		\$3,597.40	\$4,559.09	
Public Works	\$29,171.90		\$12,780.00	\$16,391.90	\$14,998.52
Medicare	\$48.32		\$48.32	\$0.00	
Council of Governments	\$14,100.81		\$14,100.81	\$0.00	
Development Rights	\$20,000.00		\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
One Time & Capital	<u>\$203,227.02</u>		<u>\$99,549.95</u>	<u>\$103,677.07</u>	<u>\$102,362.76</u>
	<u>\$482,272.67</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$302,912.53</u>	<u>\$179,360.14</u>	<u>\$166,423.25</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2000

	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	1,392,746.49	593,378.27	1,986,124.76
2002	1,422,382.53	535,637.09	1,958,019.62
2003	1,432,327.89	486,398.78	1,918,726.67
2004	1,457,313.00	435,470.49	1,892,783.49
2005	1,074,130.94	393,234.29	1,467,365.23
2006	812,051.88	359,173.01	1,171,224.89
2007	876,813.46	332,513.92	1,209,327.38
2008	869,349.49	304,101.06	1,173,450.55
2009	916,065.51	275,997.63	1,192,063.14
2010	974,551.08	243,923.68	1,218,474.76
2011	1,009,218.13	209,813.29	1,219,031.42
2012	1,045,102.74	173,528.52	1,218,631.26
2013	966,789.14	252,157.64	1,218,946.78
2014	1,135,334.20	105,211.22	1,240,545.42
2015	1,141,150.67	63,470.59	1,204,621.26
2016	497,360.04	21,618.41	518,978.45
2017	503,757.86	11,946.37	515,704.23
2018	514,785.82	2,315.17	517,100.99
2019	525,954.62	0.00	525,954.62
2020	<u>90,555.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>90,555.13</u>
	18,657,740.62	4,799,889.43	23,457,630.05

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2000

	Balance 7/1/1999	Additions	Balance 6/30/2000
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	512,860.69 10,000.00		512,860.69 10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	2,000.00 6,000.00		2,000.00 6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	10,585.51		10,585.51
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	87,287.14	2,400.00	89,687.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	<u>300.00</u>		<u>300.00</u>
	<u>647,833.34</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>650,233.34</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2000

	Balance 7/1/1999	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Audit Adjustment	Reserved	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2000
Poor Funds:									
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$85,513.02 \$37,929.11		\$40,991.31 \$1,907.49	\$16,379.24 \$1,076.41		\$73.37 (\$12.19)		\$110,198.46 \$38,748.00	\$110,198.46 \$38,748.00
School Funds:									
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	\$3,094.99 \$9,082.24		\$204.51 \$606.85			(\$7.06) \$15.07		\$3,292.44 \$9,704.16	\$3,292.44 \$9,704.16
Library Fund:									
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$298.77		\$172.24			(\$13.35)		\$457.66	\$457.66
Town Clock Fund:									
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$2,571.01		\$187.61			(\$3.61)		\$2,755.01	\$2,755.01
Senior Center Fund:									
Senior Center Memorial	\$1,720.30		\$496.04			(\$16.92)		\$2,199.42	\$2,199.42
Cemetery Funds:									
Perpetual Care	\$12,578.48		\$5,957.29	\$2,856.00		\$4.31		\$15,684.08	\$15,684.08
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$966.20		\$46.70			(\$4.71)		\$1,008.19	\$1,008.19
Nellie E. Brown	\$3,730.02		\$187.88	\$160.00		(\$7.90)		\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Willard Stebbins	\$4,520.39		\$241.77	\$3,600.00		(\$6.02)		\$1,156.14	\$1,156.14
Vianna E. Somes	\$1,776.99		\$83.41			(\$1.64)		\$1,858.76	\$1,858.76
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$952.17	\$264.90		\$952.17			\$264.90		\$264.90
Penson Fund	\$10,854.94		\$1,213.31					\$12,068.25	\$12,068.25
Conservation Fund	\$13,731.85		\$537.30	\$12,000.00		(\$16.01)		\$2,253.14	\$2,253.14
Stabilization Fund	\$131,662.77		\$8,688.84		\$50,000.00			\$190,351.61	\$190,351.61
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.96		\$22,000.00		\$0.00	\$22,300.96	\$22,300.96
	<u>\$320,983.25</u>	<u>\$264.90</u>	<u>\$61,823.51</u>	<u>\$37,023.82</u>	<u>\$72,000.00</u>	<u>\$3.34</u>	<u>\$264.90</u>	<u>\$417,786.28</u>	<u>\$418,051.18</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2000

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/1999	Reduced FY2000	Outstanding 6/30/2000	Due In FY2001
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	464,000.00	31,000.00	433,000.00	31,000.00
Equipment Loan	1995	4.80	74,179.00	74,179.00	0.00	0.00
School Loans:						
Middle School	1992	4.55	2,215,000.00	475,000.00	1,740,000.00	455,000.00
Elementary	1996	4.87	8,600,000.00	490,000.00	8,110,000.00	515,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
Relining Loan	1995	0.00	50,431.00	9,615.00	40,816.00	7,500.00
WWTP	1999	0.00	8,610,500.00	353,100.00	8,257,400.00	302,355.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	0.00	0.00	511,632.00	16,563.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	0.00	0.00	609,495.00	19,755.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,290,199.00	41,822.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>3,750.00</u>
			<u>20,014,110.00</u>	<u>1,432,894.00</u>	<u>21,067,542.00</u>	<u>1,392,745.00</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

CASH ON HAND 6/30/1999	\$	8,346,870.05	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	\$	46,587,569.73
RECEIPTS	\$	49,099,823.00	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2000	\$	10,859,123.32
	\$	57,446,693.05		\$	57,446,693.05

Interest income from Savings Deposits & Investments, but excluding Trust Funds, Special Accounts and Stabilization Account \$308,089.71

ACCOUNT	TRUST FUNDS		AND		SPECIAL ACCOUNTS		BALANCE 6/30/2000
	BALANCE 6/30/1999	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D			
SCHOOL FUNDS							
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	\$	15,097.31	\$	606.85		\$	15,704.16
GEORGE LONGLEY	\$	5,087.93	\$	204.51		\$	5,292.44
CEMETERY FUNDS							
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$	1,161.49	\$	46.70		\$	1,208.19
WILLARD STEBBINS	\$	6,014.37	\$	241.77		\$	6,256.14
VIANNA SOMES	\$	2,075.35	\$	83.41		\$	2,158.76
NELLIE BROWN	\$	4,722.12	\$	187.88	(120.00)	\$	4,790.00
PERPETUAL CARE	\$	20,150.34	\$	666.02	(12,828.88)	\$	9,487.48
PERPETUAL CARE (MMDT)	\$	91,376.89	\$	5,291.27	(440.00)	\$	96,228.16
POOR FUNDS							
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$	86,309.45	\$	3,104.39	(15,862.20)	\$	73,551.64
WHITING STREET	\$	47,916.92	\$	1,907.49	(1,076.41)	\$	48,748.00
S. BRIDGMAN (STOCK INVESTMENT)	\$	513,293.51	\$	35,176.45		\$	548,469.96
MISC FUNDS							
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	\$	4,667.40	\$	187.61		\$	4,855.01
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	\$	4,285.42	\$	172.24		\$	4,457.66
CONSERVATION	\$	15,060.74	\$	537.30	(13,964.90)	\$	1,633.14
SENIOR CENTER	\$	12,322.73	\$	496.04		\$	12,838.77
PENSION RESERVE	\$	20,854.94	\$	1,213.31		\$	22,068.25
STABILIZATION FUND	\$	131,662.77	\$	8,688.84		\$	215,351.61
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	\$	\$	\$	300.96		\$	22,300.96
TOTALS	\$	982,059.68	\$	59,113.04	(44,292.39)	\$	1,095,400.33

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1,1999 – JUNE 30,2000

NOTE #	PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
937 BAN (NEW) SENIOR CENTER & POLICE STATION	SIS (FAMILY BANK)		8/30/1999	\$ 940,525.00	8/28/2000	3.88%
938 BAN (NEW) HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	CITIZENS BANK		12/17/1999	\$ 2,000,000.00	3/17/2000	4.13%
939 BAN(RENEWAL) HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	BANK WESTERN MASS		3/17/2000	\$ 2,000,000.00	3/16/2001	4.61%
940 BAN(NEW) HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	CITIZENS BANK		3/17/2000	\$ 1,500,000.00	3/16/2001	4.59%
941 BAN(NEW) HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION	SIS(FAMILY BANK)		3/17/2000	\$ 1,600,000.00	3/16/2001	4.61%
942 BAN(NEW) LAND PURCHASE	BANK WESTERN MASS		6/29/2000	\$ 80,760.00	12/29/2000	4.75%
943 SAAN (NEW)	BANK WESTERN MASS		6/29/2000	\$ 204,600.00	12/29/2000	4.75%
944 SAAN (NEW) CHAPTER 90 LOAN	BANK WESTERN MASS		6/29/2000	\$ 89,460.00	12/29/2000	4.75%

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett, Treasurer

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1999 - 6/30/2000

FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 101.20
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 101.20
\$ 101.20 \$ 101.20

FISCAL 1988 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 64.25
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 64.25
\$ 64.25 \$ 64.25

FISCAL 1976 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 234.60
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 234.60
\$ 234.60 \$ 234.60

FISCAL 1989 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 178.60
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 178.60
\$ 178.60 \$ 178.60

FISCAL 1979 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 891.48
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 891.48
\$ 891.48 \$ 891.48

FISCAL 1990 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 157.44
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 157.44
\$ 157.44 \$ 157.44

FISCAL 1980 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 957.60
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 957.60
\$ 957.60 \$ 957.60

FISCAL 1991 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 1,186.16
COLLECTED \$ 664.18
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 521.98
\$ 1,186.16 \$ 1,186.16

FISCAL 1981 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 792.40
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 792.40
\$ 792.40 \$ 792.40

FISCAL 1992 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 312.86
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 312.86
\$ 312.86 \$ 312.86

FISCAL 1982 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 1,163.14
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 1,163.14
\$ 1,163.14 \$ 1,163.14

FISCAL 1993 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 50.52
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 50.52
\$ 50.52 \$ 50.52

FISCAL 1984 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 72.59
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 72.59
\$ 72.59 \$ 72.59

FISCAL 1994 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 2,114.14
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 2,114.14
\$ 2,114.14 \$ 2,114.14

FISCAL 1995 REAL ESTATE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 8,838.35
COLLECTED \$ 4,815.11
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 4,023.24
\$ 8,838.35 \$ 8,838.35

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1999 - 6/30/2000

FISCAL 1996 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1990 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	19,188.00	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	2,445.44	
COLLECTED	\$	6,907.59		COLLECTED	\$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	12,280.41		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	2,445.44		
	\$	19,188.00	\$	19,188.00	\$	2,445.44	\$	2,445.44
FISCAL 1997 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1991 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	72,922.68	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	1,211.49	
COLLECTED	\$	37,351.78		COLLECTED	\$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	35,570.90		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	1,211.49		
	\$	72,922.68	\$	72,922.68	\$	1,211.49	\$	1,211.49
FISCAL 1998 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1992 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	174,256.22	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	2,055.36	
COLLECTED	\$	75,125.84		COLLECTED	\$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	99,130.38		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	2,055.36		
	\$	174,256.22	\$	174,256.22	\$	2,055.36	\$	2,055.36
FISCAL 1999 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1993 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	427,070.01	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	3,830.01	
REFUNDED		\$	3,676.66	COLLECTED	\$	-		
TAX TITLE	\$	102,998.33		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	3,830.01		
ABATED	\$	3,396.74			\$	3,830.01	\$	3,830.01
COLLECTED	\$	155,883.03		FISCAL 1994 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	168,468.57		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	6,417.09	
	\$	430,746.67	\$	430,746.67	COLLECTED	\$	6.90	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	6,410.19		
					\$	6,417.09	\$	6,417.09
FISCAL 2000 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1995 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	5,053,460.34	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	7,890.24	
COMMITTED FOR COLL		\$	5,828,644.51	COLLECTED	\$	34.86		
REFUNDED		\$	44,940.58	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	7,855.38		
ABATED	\$	71,340.58			\$	7,890.24	\$	7,890.24
COLLECTED	\$	10,437,596.40		FISCAL 1996 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	418,108.45		OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	12,795.83	
	\$	10,927,045.43	\$	10,927,045.43	COLLECTED	\$	36.77	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	12,759.06		
					\$	12,795.83	\$	12,795.83
FISCAL 2001 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 1997 PERS. PROP				
COMMITTED FOR COLL		\$	5,663,281.33	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	6,292.86	
COLLECTED	\$	30,348.22		COLLECTED	\$	61.77		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	5,632,933.11		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	6,231.09		
	\$	5,663,281.33	\$	5,663,281.33		6,292.86	\$	6,292.86
FISCAL 1988 PERS. PROP				FISCAL 1998 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	328.64	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	4,662.25	
COLLECTED	\$	-		ABATED	\$	52.68		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	328.64		COLLECTED	\$	170.49		
	\$	328.64	\$	328.64	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	4,439.08	
					\$	4,662.25	\$	4,662.25
FISCAL 1989 PERS. PROP								
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	421.94					
COLLECTED	\$	-						
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	421.94						
	\$	421.94	\$	421.94				

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1999 - 6/30/2000

FISCAL 1999 PERS. PROP				1989 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	7,290.34	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	68.00
REFUNDED		\$	44.94	COLLECTED	\$	-	
ABATED	\$	107.04		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	68.00	
COLLECTED	\$	2,709.82			\$	68.00	\$ 68.00
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	4,518.42		1990 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
	\$	7,335.28	\$ 7,335.28	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	263.50
				COLLECTED	\$	-	
FISCAL 2000 PERS. PROP				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	263.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	113,926.88		\$	263.50	\$ 263.50
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	177,450.12	1991 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
REFUNDED		\$	1,019.56	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	246.50
ABATED	\$	433.75		COLLECTED	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	286,377.54		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	246.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	5,585.27			\$	246.50	\$ 246.50
	\$	292,396.56	\$ 292,396.56				
FISCAL 2001 PERS. PROP				1992 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	149,648.32	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	230.50
COLLECTED	\$	77.18		COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	149,571.14		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	230.50	
	\$	149,648.32	\$ 149,648.32		\$	230.50	\$ 230.50
1983 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1993 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	107.50	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	1,146.38
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	107.50		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	1,146.38	
	\$	107.50	\$ 107.50		\$	1,146.38	\$ 1,146.38
1984 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1994 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	148.50	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	1,142.66
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	148.50		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	1,142.66	
	\$	148.50	\$ 148.50		\$	1,142.66	\$ 1,142.66
1985 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1995 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	115.50	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	171.00
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	115.50		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	171.00	
	\$	115.50	\$ 115.50		\$	171.00	\$ 171.00
1986 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1996 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	59.00	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	653.00
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	116.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	59.00		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	536.50	
	\$	59.00	\$ 59.00		\$	653.00	\$ 653.00
1987 FARM ANIMAL EXC				1997 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	59.00	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	284.50
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	124.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	59.00		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	160.50	
	\$	59.00	\$ 59.00		\$	284.50	\$ 284.50
1988 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				1998 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	279.00	OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999		\$	1,048.75
COLLECTED	\$	-		COLLECTED	\$	973.75	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	279.00		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	75.00	
	\$	279.00	\$ 279.00		\$	1,048.75	\$ 1,048.75

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1999 - 6/30/2000

1999 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 1,571.50
COLLECTED \$ 117.50
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 1,454.00
\$ 1,571.50 \$ 1,571.50

1997 SEWER LIENS
OUTSTANDING 6/10/1999 \$ 849.16
COLLECTED \$ 727.42
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 121.74
\$ 849.16 \$ 849.16

1998 SEWER LIENS
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 1,296.27
COLLECTED \$ 370.50
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 925.77
\$ 1,296.27 \$ 1,296.27

1999 SEWER LIENS
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 2,822.41
TAX TITLE \$ 758.04
COLLECTED \$ 1,028.67
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 1,035.70
\$ 2,822.41 \$ 2,822.41

1998 SEWER CHARGES
SUBS: 2000 SEWER LIENS
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 26,792.61
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 1,857.92
ABATED \$ 44.38
COLLECTED \$ 19,522.21
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 9,083.94
\$ 28,650.53 \$ 28,650.53

1999 SEWER CHARGES
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 23,042.23
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 298,237.03
ABATED \$ 147.96
COLLECTED \$ 273,732.26
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 47,399.04
\$ 321,279.26 \$ 321,279.26

2000 SEWER CHARGES
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 37,089.82
COLLECTED \$ -
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 37,089.82
\$ 37,089.82 \$ 37,089.82

1997 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 11,184.67
COLLECTED \$ 2,485.54
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 8,699.13
\$ 11,184.67 \$ 11,184.67

1997 DAIGLE WELL BETT.
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 873.69
COLLECTED \$ 822.42
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 51.27
\$ 873.69 \$ 873.69

1998 DAIGLE WELL BETT.
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 1,262.50
COLLECTED \$ 1,212.55
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 49.95
\$ 1,262.50 \$ 1,262.50

1999 DAIGLE WELL BETT.
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 2,673.11
TAX TITLE \$ 519.32
COLLECTED \$ 1,700.16
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 453.63
\$ 2,673.11 \$ 2,673.11

2000 DAIGLE WELL BETT.
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 33,262.36
COLLECTED \$ 31,429.32
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 1,833.04
\$ 33,262.36 \$ 33,262.36

BETTERMENT IN ADVANCE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 22,576.97
COLLECTED \$ 22,576.97
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ -
\$ 22,576.97 \$ 22,576.97

2000 SEPTIC LOAN
COMMITTED FOR COLL. \$ 10,630.55
COLLECTED \$ 10,630.55
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ -
\$ 10,630.55 \$ 10,630.55

1994 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 7,178.25
COLLECTED \$ 432.60
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 6,745.65
\$ 7,178.25 \$ 7,178.25

1995 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 5,439.43
COLLECTED \$ 467.92
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 4,971.51
\$ 5,439.43 \$ 5,439.43

1996 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC
OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999 \$ 6,925.27
COLLECTED \$ 516.25
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000 \$ 6,409.02
\$ 6,925.27 \$ 6,925.27

TOWN TAX COLLECTOR
7/1/1999 - 6/30/2000

1998 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	19,147.97	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	5,790.33	
REFUNDED	\$	826.18	
ABATED	\$	1,444.20	
COLLECTED	\$	14,585.30	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	9,734.98	
	\$	25,764.48	\$ 25,764.48

1999 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$	121,810.53	
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	217,457.74	
REFUNDED	\$	8,171.08	
ABATED	\$	13,311.12	
COLLECTED	\$	310,322.26	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	23,805.97	
	\$	347,439.35	\$ 347,439.35

2000 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$	849,402.97	
REFUNDED	\$	4,628.31	
ABATED	\$	20,605.18	
COLLECTED	\$	759,765.69	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	73,660.41	
	\$	854,031.28	\$ 854,031.28

DEFERRED TAXES

COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$		\$ 12,975.99
COLLECTED	\$	12,975.99	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	-	
	\$	12,975.99	\$ 12,975.99

MISCELLANEOUS REC.

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$		51,008.58
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$		120,734.67
REFUNDED	\$		4,518.82
ABATED	\$	4,518.82	
COLLECTED	\$	100,497.01	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	71,246.24	
	\$	176,262.07	\$ 176,262.07

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

OUTSTANDING 6/30/1999	\$		54,572.23
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$		197,475.06
REFUNDED	\$		929.40
ABATED	\$	39,255.26	
COLLECTED	\$	159,646.10	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	54,075.33	
	\$	252,976.69	\$ 252,976.69

SEWER CONNECTIONS

COMMITTED FOR COLL	\$		23,000.00
COLLECTED	\$	23,000.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2000	\$	-	
	\$	23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00

TOTAL COLLECTIONS
AMBULANCE ACCT
SEWER CONNECTIONS

JULY 1,1999-JUNE 30,2000	\$	12,702,157.74
	\$	159,646.10
	\$	23,000.00
TOTAL	\$	12,884,803.84

TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES
INTEREST/FEES
AMBULANCE ACCT
SEWER CONNECTIONS

	\$	12,607,778.34
	\$	94,379.40
	\$	159,646.10
	\$	23,000.00
TOTAL	\$	12,884,803.84

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

William R. Barnett

WILLIAM R. BARNETT
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STATISTICS

1999 VITAL STATISTICS RECEIVED AFTER FILING OF LAST YEAR'S REPORT

BIRTHS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Korea	1	0

NO ADDITIONAL MARRIAGES

DEATHS

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
	1	

Residents of Belchertown	1
Non-residents	<u>0</u>
	1

<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NO.</u>
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Springfield	1
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2000
BIRTHS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Holyoke	3	4
Ware	7	9
Springfield	45	40
Northampton	27	24
Greenfield	1	1
Belchertown	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	85	78

MARRIAGES

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Resident	38	41
Non-resident	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
	54	54

Married in Belchertown: 25; Married Out-of-Town: 29

DEATHS

MALES - 45 FEMALES - 48 = 93

Residents of Belchertown	93
Non-residents	<u>0</u>
	93

<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Belchertown	31
Northampton	7
Brewster	1
Ware	11
Holyoke	4
East Longmeadow	1
Palmer	5
Springfield	14
Agawam	2
Wilbraham	3
Amherst	5
Hampden	1
Worcester	3
South Hadley	<u>5</u>
	93

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS

AMOUNT

ITEMS

Sporting Licenses (Gross)	9,357.30	720
Sporting Administrative Fees	274.00	(included in above)
Dog Licenses (Gross)	9,120.00	1437
B-M-D Certified Copies	3,310.00	662
B-M-D Abstracts	40.00	10
Marriage Intentions	540.00	54
UCC & Terminations	1,826.00	208
Pole Orders	500.00	25
Sale of Zoning Bylaws & Subdivision Regulations	825.00	33
Planning Board Fees	5,547.30	68
Board of Appeals Fees	1,400.00	14
Sale of Conservation Trail Maps	155.00	155
Fuel & Gas Registrations	32.50	13
Business Registration	570.00	57
Raffle Permits	90.00	9
Sale of Street Lists	500.00	32
Voter ID Cards	45.00	9
Homestead Filings	160.00	16
Parking Citations/Fines	45.00	3
Historic District Filings	50.00	2
Burial Permits	465.00	31
Dog Fines/Fees	1,050.00	67
Eviction Notice	25.00	1
Declaration of Trust	20.00	1
Misc. Sales	61.65	195
	36,008.75	3822

PAYMENTS TO:

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	9,208.75
Town of Belchertown	26,800.00
	36,008.75

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) COMMITTEE

The Americans With Disabilities Committee met every first Tuesday of every other month at 10:30 a.m. during the year 2000 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Members serving on the Committee were Paul Adzima – ADA Liaison, Gary Brougham – Town Administrator, Judy Metcalf – Board of Health Department Head, Michael Krzystofik – School Department, Steve Williams – Highway Department Head, Ruthella Tucker and Lee Concheri and Sally Dodge. Ted Fuller – Maintenance Department, served on the committee until he resigned his position with the Town in September.

The ADA Committee continues to keep an eye on parking lots to ensure proper painting and handicap signage. It is also monitoring Charter Bank for proper handrail assistance. The Clapp Memorial Library's ramp was completed to ADA requirements.

Paul Adzima and Ted Fuller attended an ADA Seminar in Marlborough in March where Public Access issues were discussed.

The ADA Committee invites public opinion and concerns to help ensure the safety of all our handicapped citizens.



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2000 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

During 2000, the Board of Assessors experienced no personnel changes as Michael Forgue was re-elected by the voters of Belchertown. Deborah Sammataro, Vice Chairman; and Samuel Joyal, Clerk; rounded out the Board. However, the office staff did experience personnel changes as Zachary Bombard replaced John Clegg as Field Reviewer.

Because of sound fiscal management, Belchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. Important figures in establishing the FY00 budget included:

Total Taxable Value	\$591,491,184
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$ 26,668,130
Estimated Receipts/Revenue sources	\$ 15,465,287
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	\$ 11,434,045
Tax Levy	\$ 11,202,843
New Growth	\$ 430,223
FY00 Tax Rate	\$ 18.94

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Assessors conducted a revaluation of the entire town's properties for fiscal year 2000. The Board is confident that all properties are being valued fairly and equitably. In conjunction with the revaluation, the Assessors installed a new appraisal

system within the office. Also, a counter terminal is now available for real estate professionals and the general public to access record card data.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors along with the entire Assessing staff, are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Forgue, Chairman
Deborah Sammataro, Vice Chairman
Samuel Joyal, Clerk

CABLE CHANNEL 5

Cable Channel 5, Belchertown's Public Access Channel, has had an interesting year! We successfully survived the year 2000 transition on January 1st, and progressed through a normal spring – summer.

With the advent of the new fiscal year, an annual allocation from Charter Communications allowed us to continue our upgrade of equipment, especially cameras. Two new high tech cameras were purchased for the sum of \$1,500 each, which noticeably improved the quality of our picture transmission. Our efforts continue to move us towards new digital technology, which we hope to achieve by 2003.

The other major happening that affected Channel 5 occurred in the fall of 2000, when Charter Communications went to fiber optic cable. For Channel 5, this

was a major change requiring rethinking of our technology. Additionally, our five broadcast locations (High School, Chestnut Hill Community School, Town Common, Town Hall and our operating base station) were upgraded to fiber optic cable. This resulted in five months of sporadic, unpredictable operation. Live broadcasting was hit-or-miss until Charter was able to complete the fiber optic cable rewiring and a shake down period to work out the bugs. (The Channel 5 volunteers absolutely believe vexatious Gremlins do exist). Each established cable outlet had to be rewired with a pair of cables – one for incoming and one for outgoing transmissions.

This process, now nearing completion, has created much frustration for both our volunteers and viewers alike. In the end, however, better transmission and better reception should improve the quality of our telecasts.

Finally, a happy move from Lawrence Memorial Hall to Freedom Center on the former State School land has been authorized. The move from our long-term home in the basement of Lawrence Memorial Hall, affectionately known as "The Bat Cave", to our new home with drive-up access, windows, and the opportunity for fresh air, was completed in February 2001. We now have room for a library (we will keep tapes one year – copies may be had for a fee by contacting the Selectmen's Office), an editing suite, equipment storage and repair, and our daily operating equipment. A small studio has been added, allowing us to do live broadcasts from a controlled environment, or create

taped programs such as "Memories" – the experiences of our older town citizens, is greatly appreciated.

Channel 5 depends heavily on the commitment of our unpaid community volunteers. Without their commitment, whatever level of success we have achieved would not have been possible. The equipment will not operate without people giving their time as volunteers. For this commitment we are ever grateful.



Opening up town government for all citizens to see, sharing the success of our High School teams and music programs, Summer Concerts on the Common, and airing special issues through Town Talk, is the goal we strive for. We have come a long way in five years, and have our sights set high for the future. Thank you Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Fitzpatrick, Appointed Manager
Lew and Peg Louraine, Co-Managers

CIVIL DEFENSE

As the newly appointed Civil Defense Director, I would like to update the citizens of Belchertown on this important function of local town government.

The purpose of Civil Defense or Emergency Coordination is a support group interacting with town departments to assist in emergency planning and preparedness'. These are primarily staff, not "command" functions, where the Coordinator serves under joint action arrangements with other Town Officials.

In September, the Board of Selectmen named four new appointees, Edward F. Bock, Mark Brouillette, John Milner, and Ronald Beaver as the radio officer.

The Civil Defense Committee has been actively working to upgrade the functions of this Committee. We have conducted a review of the emergency contingency plans, which focus on natural and technological hazards. An analysis of the Emergency Operations Center was completed and a training program for committee members has been instituted.

American Red Cross held a "Shelter" training session for a dozen interested citizens to assist when an emergency shelter would need to be opened for the community.

The members of the Civil Defense Committee are made up of a diverse group of people. Their expertise in emergency response covers an extremely wide range, everything from natural disasters through technological incidents involving hazardous materials.

The Civil Defense Committee members are committed to actively move ahead. With the help of the Board of Selectmen and citizens, we can and will prepare Belchertown to meet the next century.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock, Director
Civil Defense

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY **(as of June 30, 2000)**

The Library is located at 19 South Main Street. Our regular hours of operation include Monday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call the Library at 323-0417 for summer hours beginning July 1st and running through Labor Day.

Clapp Memorial Library Patron

Registration: Library cards are available to all Belchertown residents. Juvenile patrons (through grade 8) must have their parent or guardian sign their registration.

Fees: All public library services are **FREE**. Patrons are asked to cover the costs inherent in some library activities, i.e. producing copies, computer printouts, etc.

I. CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The Clapp Memorial Library is a popular and dynamic community resource which strives to satisfy the need for high quality, comprehensive public library services in areas that are among the most important to the Belchertown community.

- The Clapp Memorial Library will provide materials and offer services which promote the development of individual learning strengths in our youngest patrons and prepare their parents and teachers to nourish and sustain this development.
- The Clapp Memorial Library will provide an ample collection of topical materials together with a range of reference services selected and designed to meet the general information needs of our patrons.
- The Clapp Memorial Library will offer a variety of current, popular materials together with corresponding services specifically selected and designed to satisfy the need for relaxation, recreation and reflection among our patrons.

To satisfy these patron needs the Clapp Memorial Library offers a wide range of resources in a variety of formats, and provides a number of public library services. These resources and services are selected and delivered by a cordial, competent staff that fully supports the fundamental mission of the Clapp Memorial Library--to completely satisfy your public library needs in a manner that might entice you to visit your Library more often.

II. FY2000 FUNDING

- 1) Our FY2000 basic municipal appropriation came to of \$216,718. This figure represents but a 16.1% increase above the FY99 appropriation (\$181,837.00). The patrons and staff of the Clapp Memorial Library are indebted to the Town Administrator,

the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their generous support.

The FY2000 Library budget represents approximately 1.1% of the entire municipal budget (.94% FY99). The FY99 state average was 1.4% with an average per capita expenditure of \$24.73. Using a population figure of 11,756 the FY2000 per-capita library expenditure for Belchertown came to \$18.43.

We were able to supplement our budget with funds from a variety of sources which included:

a. Library Board of Trustees	\$ 4,614.00
b. State Grants	\$17,647.00
c. Friends of the Library	\$ 7,731.00
d. Miscellaneous	\$ 1,708.00
TOTAL	\$ 31,700.00

2) TOTAL FY00 FUNDS AVAILABLE TO LIBRARY:

a. Total FY00 Municipal Appropriation	\$216,718.00
b. Total FY00 Additional Sources of Income	\$ 31,700.00
FY00 Grand Total	\$248,418.00

III. FY00 CIRCULATION TOTALS: = 126,039

- 1) Our FY00 circulation figure was approximately 14% below our FY99 level. This figure included 1,869 items from other libraries via Interlibrary Loan. Our FY00 per

capita circulation equaled 10.7; the FY99 state average was 9.97.

IV. FY00 COLLECTION FIGURES:

- 1) Our collection includes 25,677 items. The State average is 59,115. Our holdings per-capita equals 2.16, while the State average is 4.75. During FY00 the collection had a net gain of 1,290 items.

2) COLLECTION MATERIALS CATEGORIES:

Print Materials

<u>Adult/YA</u>	<u>Children's</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Volumes of books		
12,971	8,111	21,082
b. Volumes of serials combined total		<u>307</u>
TOTAL		21,389

Non-Print Materials

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children's</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Audio cassettes		
910	84	994
b. Video cassettes/discs		
1,461	1,064	2,525
c. Compact Discs (music) combined total		<u>557</u>
d. CD ROMS		
29	110	139
e. Miscellaneous combined total		<u>73</u>
TOTAL		4,288

V. NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF FY00:

There were a number of noteworthy developments at the Clapp Memorial Library in FY2000.

1) AUTOMATED SERVICES:

- a. We completed our first full year as a Full Circulating Member of the C/W Mars Library Network. For our patrons, C/W Mars has opened up an entire universe of resources unavailable locally. This is a constantly evolving resource, one that will pay dividends for both patron and staff for many years yet to come. I believe that becoming a Full Circulating Member of the C/W Mars Library Network is certainly among the most valuable services that the Clapp Memorial Library has ever offered to its patrons.

2) CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

- a. In FY2000, Jennifer Whitehead and Mary Senecal planned and presented a stellar slate of children's programs that was simply sensational. An attendance of more than 11,000 attests to the singular quality and popularity of those programs and services. The robust development of Children's Services is a testament to the skills, dedication and efforts of both Jennifer and Mary. The demographics of our community dictate that high quality public library services to children be among our primary concerns.

3) BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- a. After more than 110 years the Clapp Memorial Library is now handicapped accessible. The Handicapped Accessible Library Entrance project was completed in October 1999, and its Dedication was held in November 1999. Now we can welcome the entire community.

4) BUDGET, GRANTS AND GIFTS:

- a. FY2000 budget negotiations were largely successful. Of primary importance is the addition of 10 hours of direct patron service. Both Nancy McConnell and Ann Biron now are available to serve our patrons for a full 40 hours each week. In the coming years, however, greater support for the basic operating costs of the CML must be negotiated.
- b. By maintaining the standards set for public library service set by the State, we were again eligible for State Aid to Public Libraries. In FY00 this amounted to \$17,647.00.

5) COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- a. The successes enjoyed by Jennifer Whitehead and Mary Senecal in our Children's Services Programs are many and varied.
 1. Both Jennifer and Mary work closely with our Elementary, Middle and Junior High Schools promoting and presenting a wide variety of programs which they offer here at the Library, or in

partnership with various school organizations.

2. Jennifer has also offered her time and talents to Belchertown's Home Day Care Providers and Preschools. Those involved in the Home School phenomenon have also enjoyed the benefits of her talents and efforts.
3. Delivering books to those who are unable to visit the Library is a patron service program that is beginning to blossom. Nancy McConnell began this small, but sincerely appreciated patron service program, and now every member of the staff has joined in this worthwhile effort.
4. Jennifer, Mary and I thoroughly enjoyed our annual visit to the Schools to read on Belchertown's Professionals Read-to-the Children Day.

6) STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

- a. Continuing Education remains a priority among all members of the staff of the Clapp Memorial Library. Every opportunity to take advantage continuing education programs is pursued.
 1. Funding for Continuing Education through accredited institutions has been provided by the Town, by the Trustees and from the Library's Daily receipts. Some classes attended by the staff were done on their own time without any compensation. Among the most

noteworthy achievements of our continuing education program this year has been the completion of a Novell Network Administration course by Nancy, and Internet training at HCC by both Mary Senecal and Tasha Majerowski.

2. By far, the majority of the staff's continuing education opportunities come from seminars offered by WMRLS, C/W MARS or MFOL and MLTA. Several such offerings are attended by staff members each month. For a detailed look at the programs attended by each staff member please see their personnel file.

7) LIBRARY HAPPENINGS FY00:

a. STAFF DIRECTED ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

1. Jennifer Whitehead and Mary Senecal attracted more than 11,000 participants to their children's programs during the past year. That number alone speaks volumes about the enthusiasm, care, imagination and capabilities of these two professionals. Their continuous outreach efforts have also paid handsome dividends. Everyone in this community is fortunate to have Jennifer and Mary work for them.
2. Each month Nancy and Ann host a pair of book discussion groups--the Biblioholics and the Clapp Critics. Participants from all parts of Belchertown come together to

become friends, and promote that small-town neighborliness that gives Belchertown its great appeal.

b. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FESTIVITIES:

1. The Spring Festival and the Autumn Book & Bake Sale/Scare Crow Stuffing events were held. Each year more and more books are donated, more and more people attend, and more and more money is raised for the Library Programs and Services.
2. There are many tantalizing events held here at the Library each year, but none are as sweet as the Friends Annual Chocolate Night.

c. SEMINARS, SHOWS, ETC.

1. Mike Hurst offered his "Keys To Personal Financial Freedom" seminar series.

GOALS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE--FY01

While the collection of the Clapp Memorial Library remains an integral part of our service plan we are quickly becoming more and more a service agency, relying more and more upon the services it can provide directly to the patron. Each of the following goals, when achieved, will enable the CML and its staff to more capably and proficiently meet these emerging patron demands.

1) PATRON SERVICES / TECHNOLOGY:

- a. C/W MARS continues to evolve delivering more and more resources to our patrons. System-Wide Holds (November, 2000) is a feature that will enhance our ability to get those resources unavailable locally to our patrons for more efficiently, far more quickly.
- b. Although libraries have come to embrace a wide array of resources in just as wide an array of formats, people still come to the Library looking for books to read. The Library has always given our patrons help in deciding what to read next. Next (FY01) year, however, the Library will offer a more formalized and focused Reader's Advisory Service. This is what patrons want; this is what libraries do.
- c. The Library will develop and administer its own WEB Page in FY01. As the Library moves more and more into a direct patron service role, this WEB Page will offer a growing list of online library services made available to our patrons. This will be an evolving service.
- d. Building upon the foundation laid down by Nancy McConnell, the Library will develop a more widely publicized and more inclusive home delivery program run primarily by volunteers.

2) PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- a. The Library has become more and more popular and more and more of a direct patron service agency. Patrons come to use our expanding selection of automated resources. They want to know how to find information, how to find it quickly, and how to evaluate that which they find. This new digital information environment which is transforming the public library mission has fostered a parallel growth in the kinds and levels of patron service expectations. More than ever these expectations involve one-on-one, prolonged instructional interactions requiring in-depth familiarity with complex automated resources. Providing this kind of instruction has long been the traditional role of the public library. These growing instructional needs have, however, created a parallel need to expand our library staff.
- b. Continue to promote staff development and expect staff to take advantage of continuing education and staff development opportunities. While the Library will do all in its power to assist motivated staff to pursue continued education, the responsibility to remain professionally competent is a personal responsibility. Such motivation should be generously rewarded.

3) BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- a. The venerable Clapp Memorial Library was built in 1887 to service a population of approximately 2,500. Today that number has swelled to over 13,000 and continues to grow, and grow rapidly. The Clapp Memorial Library building itself is no longer capable of meeting the public library needs of a community as dynamic as today's Belchertown. A new facility is sorely needed. In FY01 the Library Director will apply for an LSTA Planning and Design Grant sponsored by the MBLC. This is a matching grant with a \$20,000 maximum award. By the close of 2001, we hope to have a building design and plans, along with a scale model of the proposed new library facility. This is the first concrete step in building a state-of-the-art public library for Belchertown that is capable of meeting the recreational, informational, cultural and educational needs of our growing community.

4) ADMINISTRATIVE GOALS:

- a. Complete the Long-Range Planning Process, and begin implementation of the programs and services included in the final plan. If the Library is to maintain its tradition of providing top quality public library services, this implementation must be freely and eagerly adopted, narrowly focused and fully realized. The approval

of the Long-Range Planning document by the MBLC also safeguards our eligibility for state and federal library grants.

- b. Study, revise and adopt a completely updated set of policies and procedures for the Clapp Memorial Library. A similar revision was completed in 1989. For more than a decade, however, these policies and procedures have undergone one revision after another. The need for fairness and clarity in these policies and procedures necessitates their complete revision.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Maloney
Library Director

COMPUTING (MIS) DEPARTMENT

The scope of our responsibilities in the MIS Department has grown dramatically over the past year. In previous years, the majority of our work was performed in Town Hall. Our primary function was to support the users and networks that reside at 2 Jabish Street. As the months went by and our client base outside Town Hall continued to grow, we found ourselves spending an increasing portion of our time supporting users and newly implemented networks at other departments around town. At this point, our time is divided just about equally between supporting the Town Hall and outside departments.

In addition to its normal functions, the MIS Department has spent the last year aggressively and proactively preparing for the implementation of a fiber-optic municipal area network. Charter Communications, the Town's new cable television and high-speed Internet service provider, has equipped all municipal buildings, including the schools, with the fiber-optic backbone necessary to facilitate such a network. Charter completed this project in December of 2000, as was stipulated in the contract they signed with the Town upon becoming its new supplier of cable related services.

For other departments to fully take advantage of this technology, the computers they currently use must be incorporated into local area networks, or LANs. These smaller networks, which spread across the Town, will then be connected via the fiber-optic cables to ultimately create what is known as a municipal area network, or MAN. In the past year, we have completed the installation of LANs for the EMS department, Department of Public Works, Recreation Department, and the new Police and Fire Stations.

Late last spring, we completed the installation of computer equipment for the new Police Station at 70 State Street. All police-related functions are now carried out digitally, including booking, recording keeping, and even presentations used for various circumstances such as the Community Policing program and officer training. We equipped the training room with an audio/video projection system designed to display

Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, DVD video, and even standard VHS videotapes.

Early in December the Clerk/Treasurer-Collector's offices were upgraded to the latest version Munis, the Town's accounting and record keeping software. This, the final phase of our Munis upgrade, ensures contiguous operation amongst all departments using the software.

We have completed our portion of phase three of the Town's Graphical Information System, or GIS, implementation. GIS is a complex, multi-layered mapping system with views that are customizable to each user's preference. The Health and Conservation Departments can now integrate the software into the performance of their daily duties, allowing them to be more productive and an even greater asset to the Town and its residents.

In an effort to standardize and simplify our own administrative responsibilities, and in response to some lightning-related failures, we have upgraded and replaced much of our network switching equipment with Cisco products. Cisco is an industry leader and is recognized by many as the gold standard in network hardware. We also upgraded our Internet/Email server, allowing us to host the Town's website and email services locally. This saves the Town the monthly fees that were previously paid to host these services externally, as well as giving us greater freedom and control to tailor these valuable resources to more exactly fit the Town's needs. Because of this we have

the capability to include on our website property values, information currently disseminated by Channel 5, and many other convenient and beneficial services to residents of the Town. The possibilities are limited only by the imagination and ingenuity of each department.

We are now in the process of taking over support functions for the School Department, which was formerly serviced by an outside company. Due to our proximity and intimate involvement in the rest of the Town's Information Technology affairs, it is our belief that we can more efficiently and effectively fulfill the needs of this important department.



The purpose of any MIS Department is to increase productivity through the managed use of technology. We feel our efforts thus far to streamline a once paper-filled environment into a digital one have contributed to that ultimate goal. In the coming year we hope to realize the objective of a fully connected Town. With that accomplishment, the Town will enter into a new era of digital communication, which will serve its residents effectively for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristopher Pacunas, Computing Director
Stephen Malandrinos, Assistant

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 69 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 40 of these were Requests for Determination and 21 were Notices of Intent, four were for permit extensions and four were administrative hearings, to deal with outstanding enforcement issues. The Commission issued two Emergency Certificates, for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed all septic system installation permits, forest cutting plans, ANR plans, site plan review permits, subdivision applications, and Chapter 61 and 61A withdrawal requests. The Commission also reviewed the applications for all proposed wireless communication towers, and submitted comments to the Planning Board. The Commission dealt with numerous enforcement issues and conducted site visits to review ongoing projects. The Cold Spring Golf Course project has begun and numerous site visits have occurred to monitor this project, and also the ongoing Belchertown High School project.

The Commission has taken advantage of numerous grant opportunities this past year. In June, the Town purchased the Topping Farm property. All final reports were submitted to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, and the Town was reimbursed \$205,600.00 of the purchase price. In November, the Commission was notified from Senator Brewer, that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs awarded a grant to the town for \$250,000.00 to purchase the Shea Farm property, for farmland protection. The

Commission is vigorously working with local land trusts to fund preservation and protection of additional open space.

The year of 2000 has been a very busy and productive year for both the Town and the Conservation Commission. The Commission has worked very closely with Town officials on numerous and extensive projects. The Commission is currently working with the Planning Board in reviewing and updating the revised Subdivision Regulations. The Commission is also actively working with the Tri-Lakes Association in implementing the recommendations of the Tri-Lakes Management plan, dated December 1998.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Conservation has been working with the Open Space Subcommittee in updating our Open Space Plan. The Commission is also actively involved in the development of the Geographic Information System to assist the Town with mapping and open space and resource area planning. Belchertown's Open Space and Recreation Map is in the process of being updated and the new 2001 map will be available within a few months for purchase at the Town Hall and recreation outlets in and around Town.

The Commission would like to thank the Town's people, the Selectmen, and all collaborating boards and land trusts, in helping us successfully protect another valuable resource area within the community, the Topping Farm. The acquisition of the Topping Farm property is in accord with the Town's commitment

to protect the quality of our drinking water supplies and maintaining the rural character of our community. The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2001 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect even more valuable resource areas and open space within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice Chairman
Robert Stover, Clerk
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Thomas Keefe, Commissioner
Paul Eurkus, Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator



New Year's Eve – December 31, 1999

Photograph provided by: Jane Crutchfield

COUNCIL ON AGING

Founded in 1973, the Belchertown Council on Aging has been providing a range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population in the greater Belchertown area.

On May 20 of 2000, the Belchertown Council on Aging celebrated both the dedications to the new Senior Center and 25 years of public service. The new Senior Center is a state-of-the-art facility which encompasses within it's 10,000 square feet structure, a fully equipped kitchen/dining area, which provides both Congregate and Meals on Wheels meals to seniors in the community, a Social Day Care Program, and several spacious areas for activities. The architectural design of the building is stunning from both the inside and outside view. Inside, high ceilings with beam support structures provide a comfortable and relaxed environment. Natural lighting is abundant from the direct sunlight, which flows down from the cupola located in front of the building, as well as light from the many windows in the building. The outside of the building is well manicured with tasteful hedges, trees and benches donated by various citizens of the Town. Two porches on both the front and side of the building provide both a relaxing and welcoming area to all seniors and guests who enter the Senior Center. Recently a gazebo was donated to the Senior Center by Charter One Bank in Belchertown. This addition has further complimented the overall appearance of this very impressive building.

Within the walls of this beautiful structure operates programs and activities of which the Council on Aging Board and staff are very proud. An array of recreational, health and educational programs are available to senior's ages 55 and older. With more than 20 classes, clubs, and activities occurring each week, an average of 175 seniors benefiting each day, the Council on Aging is a busy and vital organization not only to the seniors but families in the Town. The Senior Center Building also provides the Town of Belchertown a back up shelter for use in an event of a community emergency.

Our Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site congregate, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their home. Funded through WestMass ElderCare under the Federal Older American Act, this program is designed to insure that the daily nutrition needs of seniors are met. Congregate meals are served in our dining room Monday through Friday and are often accompanied by music or a speaker. During the FY00 period, seniors enjoyed in excess of 51,130 meals in the good company of others! Our Home Delivered Meal Program, distinguished in the State for delivering hot, fresh meals seven days a week, served 40,846 home delivered meals this past year. Meals are delivered 363 days a year. The Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of grant money, participant donations, private fundraising, state home care reimbursements, and USDA cash, and commodities and town contribution.

The Council on Aging also provides home maintenance service to eligible seniors in

the Town. The program is funded by a grant provided through WestMass ElderCare. The program is in the second year of operation and has served many seniors in need of basic home maintenance services.

In May of 1997, the Council on Aging received a new, wheelchair accessible, nine-passenger van which was purchased earlier in the year. The new van was christened and named the "Senior Surrey". During FY00, the Senior Surrey has transported 121 passengers (unduplicated) to 4499 round trip activities. Seniors have enjoyed a variety of activities, including shopping, river cruises, shows and much more. Rides are still offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Seniors who participate in the Social Day Care Program at the Center still receive transportation through the Council on Aging. This also includes transportation for other seniors who are transported to other senior day care programs. This transportation is paid through a state home care contract and private pay. The transportation provided under this program is vital to continued physical and emotional well-being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care.

The Council on Aging continued it's Social Day Program on site this past year to 6 seniors in 2000. The program, intended to provide a supervised, organized, and supportive setting to elders in need of a structured environment, serves a critically important service to the community. The new Senior Center site affords the program

more space allowing for up to at least 15 participants a day. The Social Day Care is a therapeutic program for the participants as well as welcomed respite for the participant's family/caretaker. The Social Day Program is open Monday through Friday, and features an array of interactive activities, guided exercise, recreation, snacks, lunch, and much more. Its goal is to help support caregivers and other concerned family members whose loved ones are recovering from illness, injury, or who are not able to remain at home alone due to cognitive limitations. The program is funded in part through a Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, state home care reimbursements, and program fees and town contributions. Further efforts to market this program is underway by the Council on Aging in order to serve more seniors in need of this vital program.

Outreach and education to elders through home visitation remained an important facet of the Social Services position here at the Council on Aging. Through these efforts many individuals are assisted with obtaining insurance, housing, nutrition, transportation, and entitlement programs information. Assessment for nutritional risk, home safety, and fuel assistance are also provided through this method.

Health promotion activities remains a vital interest to the community. Health clinics such as blood sugar and blood pressure screenings are well attended each month. Educational forums on benefit information, medication management, local resources, and a range of other

topics are arranged and presented on a regular basis.

The SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council continues in it's fourth year addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many Councils in Hampshire County supporting this project. The Council on Aging remains a focal point in the community through these and many other efforts including Food Bank Brown Bag Program, Toys for Tots, the Mass. Community Action Program and holiday celebrations.

Spirited efforts to encourage the growth in senior activities both in and outside of the center are ongoing. Since the end of 1999, the Strategic Planning Process, spearheaded by the Council on Aging Board, has worked zealously through the four committees it is comprised of to provide quality programs and activities. Much more work needs to be done and volunteers for the committees are always welcomed. The four committees are Activities, Budget, Public Relations and Policy. Many thanks to all the staff, board members and volunteers who have worked so hard on the committees. Activities currently going on at the Senior Center are exercise, yoga, bridge, painting and drawing, and genealogy classes. Computer classes are up and running as well as the walking clubs, bingo, Bolivia and cribbage. Want to hear a little music? The Senior Center has a great sing-a-long group who is always looking for new vocal cords as well as the Senior Center's very own

“Good Ole’ Timers Band”. The Band is currently comprised of 7 members who have made their presence in the Belchertown Parade and touring the local communities to play for nursing home and other organizations. The Band has even played this past year for a retirement party for the Friendly’s Corporation. Look out New York. This is real entertainment. When off the road, the “Good Ole’ Timer’s Band” finds fun and rest playing at the Senior Center and the events there. Intergenerational programming continues to play a big part within the Council on Aging. The Hampshire Educational Collaborative continues to work with the Belchertown Council on Aging and Belchertown Schools in coordinating intergenerational reading programs.

None of these activities in and outside of the Senior Center would be possible without the outstanding efforts of our volunteers. Each program benefits from the warm and generous contributions of many individuals of all ages. This past year the Council on Aging was gifted with more than 6,521 hours of service from 130 volunteers for a dollar value of \$41,247.00. We remain proud of the effort of so many.

The Belchertown Council on Aging and the services that the organization provides would not be successful without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, grants, state and local town government. For all that support, a most generous thank you is to be given. Please come and visit your new Senior Center. We promise you, you will not be disappointed.

Council on Aging Operating Budget FY 2000

Town Appropriation	\$290,687.00
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Title IIIC Nutrition Program

Title IIIC Grant	49,585.00
State Home Care	29,319.80
Participant’s Donation	32,403.14
USDA Cash	19,915.20
USDA Commodities	14,112.78

Transportation Program

State Home Care	1,860.00
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Service Incentive Grant	2,520.00
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Social Day Program

Formula Grant	7,005.00
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State Home Care	8,400.00
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Private Payment	<u>5,311.00</u>
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Total Operating Funds	\$461,118.34
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The Council on Aging is a Town Appointed Board. Members include: Marian Panto, Chair; Daniel Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair; Dr. James Collard, Secretary; Joan Poole; Jeannette Crowther; Ethel Casey; William Kimball; George Dion; Doris Dickinson; and Josephine Fitzgerald.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging and the Massachusetts Council on Aging.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council is funded and governed by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The process begins with a "Community Input Meeting" which any member of the Community interested in the cultural wellbeing and education of this community may attend. Once the grant applications are received by the Council, each member is given copies of all grant applications for review. A meeting is then held for the purpose of discussing the grant applications one at a time and to finally vote. The list of choices is forwarded to Boston and the recipients are notified of the award amount by mail from the local Council. Serious consideration is given to the selection of projects, which will have the most diverse cultural appeal in the community.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment to the Belchertown Cultural Council for the 2000-2001 cycle was \$7,131.

The following projects have been awarded grants from the Belchertown Cultural Council:

- High School/Michael Beresky – Leonard Fourhawks, Native American Stories \$350
- High School/Michael Beresky – Woodland Ecology, Bronx Zoo Field Trip \$875
- Chris Brownwell – Irene Smalls, Storyteller \$700

- Gretchen Holesovsky – Marka, High School Foreign Language \$1,000
- Caren Cormier – Belchertown Historical Association \$921.53
- Claire Baldwin – Teen Writing \$500
- Tom McCabe – Storyteller, Clapp Memorial Library \$275
- Tim VanEgmond- Yankee Motions Concert of New England Folk Music \$550
- John Root – Cold Spring School Concert \$250
- John Root – Ear Training and Improv Clinic, Chestnut Hill Community School \$225
- John Root – Senior Center Concert \$100
- Springfield Community Music School – funding students tuition of Belchertown Bates and Tinknell – Storyteller \$350

PASS GRANTS FUNDED

- Cold Spring School/Sally Shattuck – UMass Reading Rainbow \$520
- Swift River Elementary School – Sturbridge Village \$687.50

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Holesovsky, Co-Chairman
Judy McQuillen, Co-Chairman
Dennis Conway, Treasurer
Sheryl Jackson, Secretary
Dianne Magee
Mary Ellen Miller
Adam Sweet

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

The Belchertown EMS Department provides 24 hour a day ambulance coverage in Belchertown with a combination of full-time, part-time and scheduled on-call State certified Basic and Intermediate level EMTs.

Service is provided with three vehicles: a 2000 Ford E-450 (AEV) and a 1996 Ford E-350 (Marque). The third vehicle, a 1993 Crown Victoria, is used as our rapid response vehicle and is equipped with a cardiac defibrillator, oxygen, medical and trauma supplies.

The Emergency Medical Services Department has seen tremendous growth over the past several years with ambulance calls, jumping to over 875 this year and expected to climb to over 1000 calls in 2001. In response to the continued growth, the Board of Selectmen voted to relocate the EMS Department to 9 East Walnut Street (the former Police Station). This is a great improvement and allows the Department the space needed for offices, storage of medical supplies and training.

Belchertown EMS would like to welcome EMT Intermediate Eric R. Jenks as full-time Advanced Life Support Coordinator and John Hawley as a part-time EMT-Basic. Both are highly qualified and bring years of experience and knowledge with them.



With the increase in emergency calls and routine transfers, the EMS Department has made the jump to Advanced Life Support and has become licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to provide Intermediate Level Services. This provides an increased level of care to all of our patients.

With our sights on the future, the EMS Department has begun the process of going to the highest level of pre-hospital care: the Paramedic Level. By supporting training and continuing education for the EMTs within the service along with aggressive recruiting, the EMS Department's goal is to achieve Paramedic Level within 2-3 years.

As the EMS Department continues to expand not only the level of training and the services we provide, we would like to

say thank you to everyone who has helped out over the past year – Chief Robert Knight and members of the Belchertown Police Department, Chief Edward Bock and members of the Belchertown Fire Department, Amherst Fire Department and all the EMTs who have intercepted with us over the past year. Also, thanks to the staff at Mary Lane Hospital for the vast information and assistance they have provided us, and to the Palmer Ambulance Service and Ware Fire Department Ambulance. To all other Town Departments and services, I would like to say thank you. And, to all the EMTs who have provided so many hours of service this and every year, THANK YOU for the caring and professionalism that you have shown to so many patients and their families. Another job well done.

Director of Emergency Medical Services
Steven A. Syriac

Full-Time
Eric R. Jenks

Part-Time
John E. Hawley

Appointed On-Call EMTs

David Conkey	6/30/01
Thomas Majerowski	6/30/01
James Taylor	6/30/01
Bruce Jenks	6/30/01
Sean Bracey	6/30/01
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/01
Mark Brouillette	6/30/01
Joseph Stefano	6/30/01
Francis Lofland	6/30/01

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven A. Syriac, Director
Emergency Medical Services

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has had another successful year with great support from our Citizens. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary dedication to the community. This is only accomplished through efforts of the firefighters, their families, friends, and the great support we receive from our local government.



The firefighters enjoyed assisting the First Night Committee, ringing in 2000 with a tremendous celebration focus around our beautiful Town Common. Food, fire truck rides, ice skating, and a bon fire were just some of the highlights provided by firefighters.

The Fire Department worked with town officials to implement an ongoing fire apparatus replacement schedule. The average age of the Town's fire apparatus is 21 years of age, and even though the equipment is well maintained eventually the end result will be replacement. The commitment town officials supported during the budget process will now continue to reduce the average age of apparatus.

Fire Prevention activities and inspections still continue to increase with no relief. The increase of home building, with many new proposed housing developments, creates demands for services that have overburden this department's full-time staff.

The training coordinators held 57 three-hour training sessions during the year consisting of several live fire burns, vehicle extrications, water pumping evolutions, water rescue techniques and equipment maintenance. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy also provided a 12 hour hands on flammable gas school, and a 12 hour hands on vehicle extrication class.

The Department continued working with TRIAD this year for an ongoing commitment to keep involved with the needs of our seniors, and community benefits such as the town-wide house numbering program.

Fire Education Awareness is continuously expanding. Again, several members took personal time from their regular jobs to attend special education training seminars provided by the Massachusetts Fire

Academy on Fire Awareness Education, and assisted with the delivery of the programs within the school district. The Department again was awarded a \$4,000 Grant from State funding to host the Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program.



It is very rewarding to recognize the commitment the Citizens make to this department, and the benefits that the Fire Department can provide back to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward F. Bock
Fire Chief

Members of Belchertown Fire Department

Deputy Chiefs

Hugh K. Hubbard
James D. Hodgen

Captains

Bruce Officer
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis
Robert Hodgen

Lieutenants

Richard Knight
John Workman
Edward D. Fuller
Ronald Beaver
David Auchter

Auxiliary Firefighters

Ted Covill
Jeremy Gemme
Melissa Conrad
Frank Panek
Rich Bernier
Gina Gould

Firefighters

David Gay
Max W. Bock
William Shattuck, Jr.
Paul Tierney
William Chapman
Michael Samson
Edward L. Fuller
Paul Greene
Gerard Gould
Herbert Wood
Steven Williams
Paul Salvatore
Scott Cameron
Edward Knight
Darryn Beaudry
Leonard Boisjolie
Donald Thayer
Scott Rae
Jeffrey Scott
John Racine
Thomas Cooke
Matthew Gemme
Mark Lavallee
Matthew Rivest

Types of Responses 2000

Structure Fires	19
Vehicle Fires	11
Vehicle Extrications	04
Forest, Brush, Grass	36
In Service Response	28
Investigations	45
C.O. Detectors	09
Alarm Sounding	48
Mutual Aid	08
Unpermitted Burning	01
Appliance Malfunction	48
Total Responses	257

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	0929
Oil Burners	0175
Propane Tanks	0161
Smoke Detectors	0314
Underground Tank Removals	0010
Permits to maintain storage	0011
Blasting	0012

BOARD OF HEALTH

During the 2000 calendar year, the Board of Health continued to work towards improving the quality of services provided to the citizens of the Town of Belchertown, while maintaining its high standards for the protection of public health. The Board accomplished this through meetings held monthly, on the first Monday of each month. The Board of Health consists of five Board Members, elected for three-year terms. A five-member board broadens the Board's scope of expertise, thereby enhancing our abilities. The activities and functions of the Board were carried out through the supportive efforts of the staff members of the Quabbin Health District.

Review and approval of septic plans still remained one of the major tasks facing the Board. Title V septic regulations continue to place new demands and additional time requirement responsibilities on the Board. A total of 126 Disposal Works Construction Permits were approved in the year 2000.

The Board and staff completed administration of a town-based septic repair program funded with grant money through the Department of Environmental Protection and the Water Pollution Abatement Trust. This grant program allowed qualified residents in environmentally sensitive areas to apply for a low interest loan for septic repairs and upgrades. A total of eight septic systems were repaired through this program. Other low interest loan programs are available for residents

through local banking institutions. Information can be obtained at the Board of Health office.

The area of tobacco control regulations has also been one of intense activity for the Board of Health. All public restaurants and bars are mandated to provide a smoke-free environment for their patrons as well as employees. Youth access to tobacco products has been minimized through stricter retail regulations and the use of the retailer's license. All cigarette vending machines are prohibited. Smoking cessation programs and hypnosis sessions were conducted in early 2000 for people living or working in Belchertown. Compliance checks were also made.

The Board of Health continued to recognize the efforts of local restaurant and food service establishments in meeting or exceeding standards for sanitation.

In an effort to keep abreast of ever changing issues effecting the public health domain, Board members and staff have participated in continuing education workshops and seminars. Members have attended the Massachusetts Association of Health Board's Certification and Training Program. Members and staff also received training in the New State Food Code, which governs food handling practices in public establishments such as restaurants and schools. This code change will have a major impact on further protecting the public from food-borne illnesses. The Board stands ready to assist local businesses and town departments in understanding and

implementing the New Food Code. The Board of Health office continues to serve as the central location in the Town Hall for the distribution of other technical and educational assistance relative to public health issues.

Year 2000 Permit Activity

81	Well Permits: 66 New Construction 15 Replacements
126	Septic Permits: 78 New Construction 48 Repairs
29	Food Establishment Permits
6	Limited Food Establishment Permits
13	Retail Food Permits
1	Residential Kitchen Permit
5	Massage Therapy Licenses
2	Tanning Unit Permits
1	Ecology Can Permit
1	Funeral Parlor License
4	Hauler's Permits
1	Public Pool Permit
27	Temporary Food Permits: 23 Belchertown Fair
1	Day Camp Permit
1	Piggery License
1	Frozen Dessert License
1	Mobil Home License
12	Tobacco Retail Permits
32	Installer's Permits
34	Milk & Cream Licenses

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Gramarossa, Chairman
Roger Bonsall, Vice-Chair
Robert Bishop
Leonard Belisle
Dennis Hotte

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

In June 2000, I took over the position of Belchertown's Animal Inspector. The following activities were performed/ investigated:

- 8 Dog Bites
- 3 Cat Bites
- 1 Bat Bite
- 5 Dogs placed under quarantine for possible rabies
- 35 Cats placed under quarantine for possible rabies

No rabies were reported. All animals were found to be fine.

12 horse farms have been inspected, all found to be in good condition. There have been no cow farms inspected to date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Stedman
Animal Inspector

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the

jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 2000.

<u>Belchertown</u>	<u>Ware</u>	<u>Pelham</u>
Perc Test/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations		
226	71	16
Septic Application Review (New Const.)		
78	47	2
Septic Application Review (Repair)		
46	15	8
Septic Installation Inspections		
130	39	14
Septic Installation Re-inspections		
40	9	0
Well Application Review		
81	N/A	3
Housing Inspections (Upon Complaint)		
7	46	0
Housing Re-inspections		
26	66	0
Rental Voucher Inspections (Upon Request)		
0	10	0

Lead Paint Inspections			
0	1	0	
Food Service Inspections (Routine and Follow-up)			
62	88	2	
Food Service Inspection (Complaint)			
1	2	0	
Mobile/ Temporary Food Inspections			
28	12	0	
Nuisance Inspections			
4	26	0	
Mobile Home Park Complaints			
1	0	0	
Public Beach Water Investigations			
1	0	0	
Recreational Camp Inspections			
1	0	0	
Tanning Salon Inspections			
2	4	0	
Massage Therapy Inspections			
1	0	0	
Board Meetings			
12	10	15	

Total Number of activities performed in 2000: 1253

In addition, four meetings of the Quabbin Health District Board of Directors were held in 2000. The Board of Directors is composed of the elected Board of Health members from the communities within the

District. The meeting place rotates among the three Town Halls.

District employees serve on a number of committees and advisory groups: Town of Belchertown Americans with Disabilities Committee, Town of Belchertown GIS Committee, Hampshire County Insurance Advisory Committee, and the Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition. An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various Federal and State agencies as well as professional groups. Topics addressed during the year 2000 included West Nile Virus, Federal Food Code, Bathing Beaches, and Recreational Camps for Children.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge my co-workers: Randall Gauley, Health Inspector; Helen Kutt, Administrative Assistant; Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Communicable Disease Report

The following contagious diseases and animal bites were reported for the Town of Belchertown in 2000:

Animal Bites:

Cat bites	2
Dog bites	7

Reportable Diseases:

Giardia	1
Hepatitis B	2
Hepatitis C	6
Lyme Disease	18
Salmonella	2
Tuberculosis	1

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- receive and process disease reports
- maintain patient confidentiality
- investigate source or possible transmission mode
- enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- educate to reduce risk.

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Cheryl Trudeau, R.N., from Mary Lane Hospital's Visiting Nurse Association. The Board has a contract with that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Commission met with property owners within the Historic District during the past year on proposed changes to their properties. Two public hearings were held regarding changes to properties within the Historic District. A "certificate of non-applicability" was issued for one project and a "certificate of appropriateness" was issued on the other project. We also reviewed plans for the proposed Belchertown Post Office. We would like to thank the property owners who have shared their vision of the improvements and changes that they intended to make with us during the course of the past year.

Doris Dickinson resigned after finishing out her term. Mrs. Dickinson was involved with the Study Committee that was initially created in 1988, to develop the By-law. This Committee researched By-laws in other towns within the Commonwealth. The work that this Committee did led to the development of the Historic District By-Law in Belchertown. Doris had been a member of the Historic District Commission since its inception. Thank you, Doris, for your guidance, integrity and foresight in advocating for the preservation of the Town's greatest assets.

Annie Steiner of Park Street was appointed to replace Mrs. Dickinson. After a two-year search, Belchertown resident, Lou Faassen was appointed as the architect on the Commission.

The Historic District Commission was established at the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990. Its purpose is to protect the Belchertown Common's character as the historic center of the Town. The general boundaries of the area that is regulated include that area bounded by East Walnut Street on the north side, Park Street on the east side, Jabish Street on the south side, Main Street on the west side, and the Belchertown Town Common. This area has been recognized for its historic and architecturally significant qualities. Any proposed change or alteration to the exterior of any property, that is visible from the public purview or any new construction, must be reviewed by the Commission. Any such alteration or building may be subject to a formal review process before a building permit can be obtained.

Copies of the District By-laws, maps, and application forms are available in the Office of the Town Clerk. The Commission is always available to respond to your particular concern.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Curry, III - Chairman
Chris Bloom
Jacqueline Dupre
Annie Steiner
Lou Faassen

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission has continued to work on the Historic Properties survey in conjunction with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. This survey was started about five years ago and will take three or four more years to complete. The survey consists of determining the style of construction of the house, a title search is needed to determine the original owner, a photograph is taken, a map of the location of the house must be drawn, the historical importance of the building is listed and the current owner is listed.

When microwave tower by the new Police Station was constructed a survey was needed to see what impact the tower would have on the surrounding area. The Historical Commission was asked to determine this impact. The survey was conducted and our approval was sent to The Massachusetts Historical Commission.

This year we continued with our program to recognize historical houses in Belchertown. This year we recognized four houses. They were the Mason Abby homestead, the Joseph Phelps house, the Jonathan Grout homestead, and the Joseph Bridgeman house.

Respectfully submitted:

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
James Chevalier
Judith Fuller Gillan
Kenneth F. Kitchell Jr.
Gail Pisacane

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority administers four state-aided projects. Everett Acres on Everett Avenue is a 48 unit project built and administered under the Chapter 667 Elderly/Disabled Housing Program. East Walnut Street, 45 State Street-unit 1, and 95 George Hannum Road-unit 7 were built and administered under the Chapter 689 Housing for people with special needs program. The two, three and four bedroom units at 45 State Street and 95 George Hannum Road is a 12 unit project built Chapter 705 Family Housing Program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age and/or disabled, family size, and income. The current maximum net annual income for eligibility is \$28,800 for one person, \$32,900 for two, \$37,000 for three, \$41,100 for four and up to \$54,300 for a family of eight.

The eligibility regulation for state aided housing has been changed and the former asset limit no longer applies. It was replaced by the federal asset definition. This regulation states that as long as the total income from assets, both real and imputed, and all other income does not exceed the maximum income for eligibility, a person or family is eligible. This change should make many elders eligible for state aided housing who in the past were ineligible.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay 30 percent of their net monthly income for rent, which includes all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income and deductions, the average rent is \$250

per month. Everett Acres is fully occupied **with no waiting list at this time.** We are marketing the units through other housing authorities, local cable stations and newspapers. We are experiencing difficulty in renting the second floor units.

East Walnut Hill is fully occupied. Three of the two bedroom units are leased to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The fourth two-bedroom unit is leased to an income eligible, disabled individual.

Unit 1 at 45 State Street and unit 7 at 95 George Hannum Road are also under lease to the Department of Mental Retardation and provide housing for eight former residents of the Belchertown State School. The rent received covers all operating expenses. The Authority receives no state subsidy for these units. The fiscal 2001 operating budget for the 689 special needs units is \$47,000.

The twelve family units are fully occupied. Tenants in these units pay 25 percent of their income for rent. They are responsible for their utility bills. While rents are based on each family's income and vary widely, the average rent is \$367 per month. There are currently 90 applicants on the waiting list for the 705 family units. All applications were updated for interest during 2000. The two bedroom family waiting list is closed. The three and four bedroom family lists remain open though we have more applicants than we can reasonably expect to house in the next four years.

The fiscal 2001 operating budget for the elderly/disabled and family housing has

anticipated expenses of \$224,160 with a projected income of \$207,500. An anticipated deficit of \$16,660.00 in routine operating expenditures is due to the final installation of low flow toilets at Everett Acres and the maintenance prefab shed. A bid has been awarded for the painting of the entire complex in 2001. All of the repairs to the current siding were completed in 2000.

The Authority also administers 30 units of Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The budget for the housing allowance program for fiscal 2001 is \$161,053 with full funding provided by HUD.

Under this program, which has been the focus of many changes, the Authority assists low-income elderly or disabled persons and families in paying their rent. Eligible individuals are issued a voucher to locate and rent decent, safe, and affordable housing of their choice in a privately owned market that meets the program's criteria. The Housing Authority actively promotes the program to local private landlords. Participants pay 30 percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities and the Authority pays the balance directly to the landlord. However, the rents of the units must be reasonable. To ensure rent reasonableness, the Authority attempts to determine what the standard market rents are for Belchertown from local landlords. Currently there is legislation pending to privatize the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas T. Soja, Chair
Kenneth D. Nolan
Sally M. Dodge
F. Knowlton Utley
Tracey Thompson

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Aquatic Coordinator has been hard at work this past year improving and increasing programming at the Chestnut Hill Community School Pool. Some new programs we offered included Adult Swim Lessons, and a quiet swim time was set aside twice a week last spring and fall for parents and young children five years of age and younger. The Water Safety Instructor Classes, lifeguard Classes and CPR/FPR Classes have become an annual offering. We continue to offer American Red Cross Swim Lessons, evening Aquanastics, and Scuba classes year round to the community.

The Morning Aquanastics program continues to grow in numbers with many of our senior residents taking advantage of this swim exercise class. We started each day a little earlier this year, with the pool now being opened to the public starting at 5:00 a.m. Mondays through Fridays. Over the summer Swift River Day Camp and our Summer Days Program enjoyed cooling off each afternoon with a dip in the pool. We welcomed back the Belchertown Stingray Swim Team and the Belchertown High School Swim Team.

New modern manikins have been purchased to assist us in certifying lifeguards, CPR/FPR Classes and also for in-service staff training. In the spring of 2000, we closed the pool for three weeks in order to clean the sides and replace the water. This procedure will now be on our regular maintenance schedule for the pool. We saw a steady increase in rentals, with many people opting to hold their child's birthday party at the pool, private schools taking advantage of our facilities and local boys and girls scout troops using the facility. We will continue to look for new and exciting programs to offer to the community in 2001.



*Mural at Recreation Department
Artist: Becki Smith*

In the spring of 2000, we worked hard on improving the Town Beach area. The new picnic tables were in place and additional fencing was installed around the beach area. We continued to clean the overgrowth along the fence, and dead tree branches were removed. Once again we were able to keep the Beach open over the Labor Day Weekend. This fall a new swing set was placed under the trees. This coming spring, we are hoping to move the concession stand and create a sand volleyball area.

We welcomed backed weeklong clinics in baseball, soccer, tennis, basketball and golf. We expanded our programming by offering a weeklong basketball clinic aimed at our younger participants. A four-day softball clinic was offered for girls in grades three to eight. Wrestling as well as Biking was welcomed additions to our programming. Once again, we increased enrollment in many of our popular activities such as Summer Days, Art Classes, Baton, Take-A-Hike-Little-Tike, Safe Sitter and RAD for KIDS. Adults had the opportunity to participate in Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Scuba, RAD, Pre and Post Natal Exercising, Swing Dance and Yoga. We had great success with our Lobster Feast, third through forth Grade Annual Basketball Tournament, Golf Tournament and Baseball Tournament.

At the end of the year, the Recreation Office relocated. We are now located on the former State School property, behind the new Police Station. Our new facility offers us more meeting space and storage space, and allows us to be closer to many of our fields and facilities.

In the year 2001, we will endeavor to increase our programming for adults and children. One new adult program to be offered will be T'ai Chi Classes. The Recreation Department will be working very hard this upcoming year on improving the conditions of our playing fields and continuing to make steps to increase the number of our playing fields. We hope to recruit more volunteer coaches, conduct yearly clinics for coaches, and increasing the number of teams participating in the sport.

Once again, words cannot express our gratitude to our invaluable coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers, participating parents, and community members who help us to improve and establish new programs. To the many area businesses who generously donate to our causes time after time. To the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, along with their many staff members who assist us each day. Words can never express our deep appreciation for all the hard work and dedication of these individual.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Opalenik, Recreation Director

Recreation Committee Members

Mr. Robert Chartier, Acting Chair

Mr. Bruce Smith

Mr. William Eldridge

Ms. Nancy Kwiatkowski

Ms. Karen Schiffer

Mr. Chris Daley

Mr. Tom Kubacki

Ms. Kathleen Scruton

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee continued to consist of nine members – two each from Belchertown and Palmer – and one from each of the communities of Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New

Braintree, and Ware. At the conclusion of their terms in November, Granby representative Gary Connaughton and New Braintree representative Sybil George retired from the Committee. In the November election, Judith Dudek, Barbara Beaulieu, and David Droz were reelected. Geraldine Reavey rejoined the Committee from New Braintree after having previously served from 1982 to 1990. At the time of the election, Granby had no candidate; therefore, an individual will be appointed in January 2001.

At the organizational meeting held in November, Michael Cavanaugh, of Palmer, was reelected Chairman. Michael Roncolato, of Belchertown, was reelected Vice-Chairman, and Barbara Beaulieu, of Monson, was reelected Secretary.

Pathfinder's School Council—consisting of three parents, two teachers, two students, a community member, and a college representative and co-chaired by David LaPierre—has continued to provide guidance and direction to the administration in its efforts to continually improve the educational experience of students attending Pathfinder.

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre identified a number of curriculum initiatives undertaken during the year.

◆ The staff continued to review curriculum and instructional techniques in an effort to improve student performance on the MCAS test.

- ◆ The Student Mentor Program in conjunction with staff from Springfield College was expanded to address several needs of Pathfinder students, including peer interaction, team building and problem solving.
- ◆ The Auto Body Program (NATEF) completed its National Automotive Technical Education Foundation self study in preparation for its certification by that body and is currently scheduled for evaluation in February.
- ◆ Staff began the rigorous self-evaluation in preparation for the upcoming accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- ◆ Students in the carpentry, electrical, and heating and ventilation programs gained valuable learning experience through the annual house-building program, which featured work for a Granby family.
- ◆ In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, students from these same departments began construction on a modified Cape with a walk-in basement. This project, which will be completed in June 2001, is located in Palmer.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be an important component of the Pathfinder curriculum for upper class students. A sample of such efforts during the past year include the following:

- Office space to accommodate central office staff was constructed in the Ware Middle School.
- An air-conditioning system was installed in the Bondsville Fire and Water District Complex.

- A garage/storage building was completed for the Ware Fire Department.
- Students contributed to the building, wiring, and heating for a major addition to the Monson Bellmen's Fire House.
- Electrical students undertook several wiring projects for the Bondsville and Palmer Fire Departments, and also wired outside electrical boxes for holiday lighting in the Bondsville area.
- The Auto Body and Collision Repair students restored vehicles for the Bondsville Water Department and the Three Rivers Fire Department.
- Horticulture students continued to maintain a portion of the grounds at the Palmer District Court.
- Computer Programming students completed Web page design for the Three Rivers Fire Department.
- Computer Programming students updated the database for the C.W. Mars shared library system and created databases and graphics for the March of Dimes and other non-profit agencies.
- Students in the Office Business Program printed and assembled large quantities of municipal reports for the towns of New Braintree and Palmer.

The Cooperative Education Program had an exceptionally successful school year. More than 50 students, representing every technical program, participated in this program of alternating weeks of school and paid employment.

Many Pathfinder graduates have built their own enterprising business or have risen to managerial positions. These former students cited the combination of hands-on training, the related science program, and the integrated academics taught at Pathfinder as their primary reason for hiring or recommending our students. With these employers, our Co-op students worked in surrounding communities performing tasks ranging from individual one-on-one services to significant work on large-scale construction projects.

Toward the end of 2000, Pathfinder received the scores from the third round of MCAS tests administered to tenth grade students earlier that year. The results were disappointing. While the average score in Mathematics remained constant from the previous year at 210, the average score in English/Language Arts declined from 217 to 214, and the average score in Science and Technology declined from 224 to 219. However, the group that took the tests in 2000 included 31 more students than the previous year, and school officials argued that the larger group may well account for the slight drop in scores.

Nevertheless, the school committee and staff continue to maintain that the test is fundamentally unfair to technical high school students because it affords them no way to demonstrate their competence in vocational studies which comprise one-half of their education. In this regard, both School Committee Chairman Michael Cavanaugh and Superintendent Gerald Paist have been instrumental in drafting position papers for their

respective state associations, calling upon the Board of Education to make changes in this testing program. Those associations anticipate that this struggle will reach the top of the legislative agenda in 2001.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 645 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 109; Granby 45; Hardwick 19; Monson 87; New Braintree 9; Palmer 113; and Ware 105. The remaining 158 students reside in out-of-district communities.

During this past year, the Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received 375 applications for admission in September. Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 2000-01 school year, 325 were for the 175 available 9th grade openings. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, and there was a waiting list for space in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Pathfinder once again offered a wide variety of opportunities for area parents and their children to learn about and visit the school. There were two Open House Programs—one in the fall and another in the spring. The Summer Career/Sports Camp and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for 7th and 8th grade students continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony in May. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting Renaissance Award-winning students as guests. The speaker for this year's ceremony was 1992 graduate Brenda Wrubel, who was not only valedictorian at Pathfinder, but also at Bay Path College where she majored in legal studies. Brenda worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and recently completed her studies at Westfield State College, which qualified her as a guidance counselor. She now fulfills that role at Pathfinder.

A second Honor Society induction was held in December, and this pattern of recognition earlier in the school year will be continued so that students may include the information on their senior resumes in a more timely manner. Pathfinder graduate Michael Norton—currently an instructor in electronics at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical School—was the featured speaker.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the Annual Vocational Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Eric Duda, of Palmer, a student in the Electrical Technology Program. Eric earned a 3.95 overall average, was a member of the Honor Society, and graduated first in his class. At the annual Academic/Vocational Awards Program, Eric received additional recognition for his remarkable achievements. Following

graduation, Eric enrolled in Western New England College to study Electrical Engineering.

In June 2000, the graduating class of 118 seniors received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 71% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, while another 8% had made commitments to military service. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive effect on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$15,000 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2000. Once again, state and local organizations—as well as individuals—continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration, and the graduates themselves are grateful for this support, and they are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and friends.

STUDENT AFFAIRS & ATHLETICS

Historically, opportunities for participation in student activities in technical high schools has been limited by the fact that every period of the day is occupied by required classes. Nevertheless, the student body continued

its tradition of successful projects to assist the community and to improve school climate:

- The “Toys for Tots” campaign collected over 100 new toys and more than \$500 in cash donations.
- The annual Thanksgiving Basket drive provided more than 30 complete dinners to families in need.
- The “Coats for Kids” initiative collected more than 100 coats that were distributed by Channel 40.
- Students raised \$1400 to benefit the Leukemia Society during the “Pennies for Patients” project and were appropriately recognized by State Senator Stephen Brewer.
- The Allied Health Students sponsored their annual Health Fair as well as a “Kiss the Pig” fundraiser, featuring a live pig named “Easter Lilly.”
- The Renaissance Program continued the recognition of academic and athletic achievement with increased student participation.
- The newly formed Drama Club presented its production of “Zorro.”
- Increasing numbers of students took part in “Project Adventure,” a team building and leadership initiative in cooperation with a faculty member from Springfield College and under the direction of Electrical Instructor Gerard Costello.
- The student body was privileged to have the services of its first

resource officer, Palmer Police Officer James Lynch.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the following noteworthy items in the 2000 seasons:

- The varsity baseball team won the Tri-County League Championship for the second consecutive year with a 16-4 record and was first seed in the Massachusetts Vocational Baseball Tournament.
- The girls' varsity soccer team qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament for the third consecutive year.
- The varsity football team had its first overall, winning season (6-5) in the brief, six-year history. Jesse Allen was second in the Tri-County League in scoring and achieved first team honors in All Western- Massachusetts recognition.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to students in grades 9-12, as well as to students attending the Modified Vocational Instruction at Pathfinder (MVIP) Program. TEAM evaluations resulted in approximately 205 meetings throughout the school year. Beginning in mid-year, staff members implemented the new IEP format that is more comprehensive than the previous model and provides opportunities for more parental input.

Pathfinder currently employs 17 professional special education staff members through local monies. Two additional staff members were supported through Title I and the Work Investment Act. The Department also includes 8 teacher aides and one oral interpreter for a deaf student. The staff provided services to 210 students, including those in the MVIP Program. This number represents a decrease over previous years due to new interpretations of the special education law by the Department of Education.

Specialized services provided by the Department included speech therapy, school psychology, and occupational therapy. The speech therapist works with students either individually or in small groups to help students improve reading comprehension, develop vocabulary and writing skills, and to improve receptive and expressive language skills. The school psychologist provides individual and small group counseling and assists staff in interpreting psychological test results. The occupational therapist provides identified students with assistance in self-care, handwriting, and motor development. She also supervises adaptive physical education classes for appropriate groups of students.

Currently, the MVIP Program enrolls 60 students and is operating at full capacity. Students represent 19 communities in addition to the 7 Pathfinder member towns. Program offerings include Office Business, Life Skills, Building Services, Horticulture, Auto Reconditioning, and Food Services. Each of these program areas is supervised by a qualified vocational teacher with special education

credentials. Clearly, this program continues to provide a critically valuable educational service to member communities and remains in high demand, as evidenced by the waiting list of 30 students.

The Special Education Department offers Resource Room Programs for appropriate students in all major courses in grades 9-12. These subjects include history, mathematics, English, and science. An effort is made to align course material to curriculum frameworks in order to prepare students better for MCAS tests. However, care is also taken to include material that is relevant to everyday life. Occasional field trips to activities and exhibits that reinforce curriculum content are included.

The Special Education Department continued to offer an Afternoon Drop-out

Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142 funds and a modest tuition charge paid by the school system of residence. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their local high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school or—in some cases—to transfer to Pathfinder's regular day program with an expectation of greater success.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

Fund Code	Program Name	Allocation
240	IDEA Special Education These funds were used to support an Alternative Drop-out Prevention Program, provide in-service training, professional development and supplies for the shop and academic classrooms.	\$127,865
274	SPED Access to the Curriculum This project provided support for study groups to adapt identified curriculum to special education students.	\$3,000
302	Title VI This program provided funds to the school library to continue membership in the Newsbank Computer Network.	\$3,539

303	Eisenhower Math and Science These monies supported professional development for mathematics and science teachers.	\$2,709
305	Title I This funding provided for a full- time teacher aide who assists in the reading and writing labs.	\$19,505
331	Safe and Drug Free Schools These funds supported two mentors who worked with student groups and also organized relevant activities to acquaint local elementary school students with the dangers associated with drug and alcohol use.	\$2,412
400	Carl Perkins Vocational Education This was the final year that Perkins funds supported a full-time School-to-Career Coordinator. They also supported professional development programs and provided shop supplies for programs enrolling high levels of special populations.	\$71,810
346/349	Health Protection Allocations These monies provided outside counseling for specialized groups, primarily emphasizing the elimination of tobacco use.	\$13,150
609	Technology Training & Professional Development These funds were used to upgrade specific technology programs by providing professional development opportunities for academic and vocational instructors.	\$10,020
632	Academic Support Services Program This grant was used to provide a Saturday morning program for 9 th grade students who did not score well on their 8 th grade MCAS tests.	\$22,800
	Department of Youth Services The Summer DYS program served Gandara students for a period of four weeks.	\$5,984
	Summer Youth Employment Program These funds provided paid employment and academic enhancement for indistrict and out of school youth for 4 weeks in the summer and throughout the current school year.	\$79,439
	TOTAL	\$362,233

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The School Committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities, which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and area school systems, Pathfinder continued to play a leadership role in the implementation of the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act. Among the activities sponsored by this program were:

- ◆ Teacher/mentor training at business work sites
- ◆ Improvement in curriculum to better meet the needs of area businesses
- ◆ Job shadowing and internships for students in grades 11-12
- ◆ Utilization of an updated version of "Expan," a college/career search program
- ◆ Career interest and exploratory program for seventh and eighth grade students.

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. A total of 179 youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of four one-week sessions, each of which lasted for 5 days. Those areas offered were carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer-assisted drafting, food services, electronics, and environmental explorers. Career instruction took place in the morning, followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

Two hundred youngsters took part in

Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the school year. The program operated one day each week and included eight career areas: automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, computers, CAD, culinary arts, horticulture, and electronics, as well as Fun With Math and Science. The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with this program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board. This year's award was made under the new Work Investment Act. During the summer, twenty-seven in-school youths and seven out-of-school youths from Hampden County were placed at various non-profit job sites for the morning, then returned to the school for academic and vocational enrichment. A newly implemented feature of this program requires continued monitoring of these students throughout the school year.

One hundred forty-eight students from 12 different area schools took advantage of the 2000 Summer School Program. Twelve academic courses, a Related Workshop, and a Shop Hour Workshop were offered. Eighteen students participated in a no-cost MCAS preparation course. The curriculum provided students with strategies that would prepare them better for the MCAS tests. There are plans to offer a Spanish course to the academic offerings next summer.

During the 2000 school year, the evening school offered classes during the winter and fall terms. Approximately 200 individuals took advantage of the courses, which included Microsoft Word, Excel, Assess, Web Design, QuickBooks, Introduction to Machine, Smart Cam, Culinary, Auto Body, and Floral Design. Declining enrollments continued to be a concern despite more aggressive and costly advertising.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the staff includes 38 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, 2 guidance counselors, a library-media specialist and 9 teacher aides. The Committee welcomed new faculty members in each of the following areas: computer technology, drafting, business, carpentry, science, and guidance. The Committee also provided funds for an Athletic Trainer who also serves as an instructor in health related subjects.

Six administrators - three of which have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program. The administrative staff includes a Business Manager for the first time in the school's history, thereby fulfilling a critical need in oversight of the District's fiscal affairs.

In the spring of 2000, the Committee recognized the retirement of two staff members—Harriot Henrichon as Assistant Treasurer and Jim Wordsworth as Carpentry Instructor. Both had served the school with distinction since its beginning.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of the National Council of Local Administrators, an affiliate of the Association for Career & Technical Education. He also continued to serve a second term on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. Dr. Paist was also named Director of the Program in School Administration at that institution.

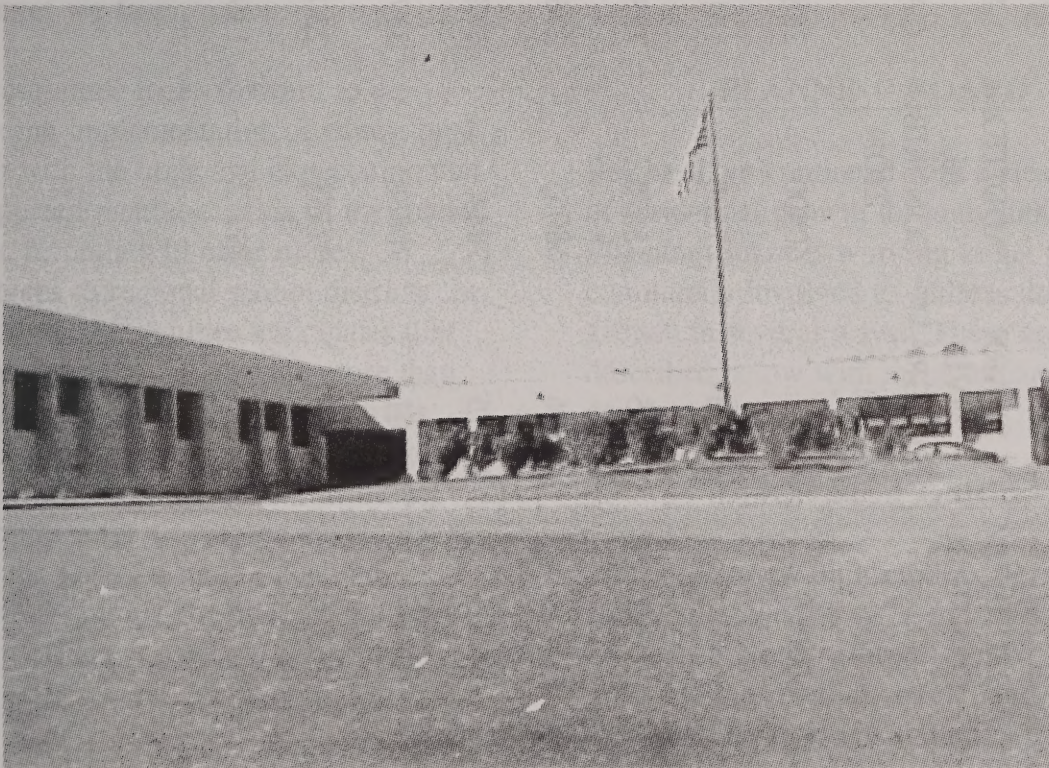
In December Dr. Paist completed his service as one of the three secondary members from Massachusetts on the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He also serves as chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

Committee Chairman Michael Cavanaugh was reelected to another term as Chairman of the Vocational-Technical Division of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, and by virtue of that position serves on the Association's Board of Directors. He also served on the Board of the Regional Education & Business Alliance, of which Pathfinder is an original member.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The School Committee adopted a FY01 gross budget of \$8,218,417. Of this amount, \$7,167,219 was for net school spending purposes. The District expected to receive \$2,218,069 in Chapter 70 funds, \$327,269 in regional school transportation reimbursement, \$346,794 in school building assistance, leaving a remainder of \$3,554,310 to be raised through assessments to the member communities, school choice monies, and non-resident tuition income.

Once again, the Committee adopted a budget in excess of the minimum contribution required from each of the member communities. These additional costs resulted primarily from the MVIP Program as well as from the second year of the District's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The School Committee was pleased to receive the support of each of the seven member towns during their respective annual town meetings.



Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School

**PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSMENTS 2000-2001**

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBU- TION	SHARE MVP PROGRAM	ADDITION- AL CONTRIBU- TION	SHARE OF CAP (1 YR)	TRANSPOR- TATION	CAPITAL ASSESS- MENT	TOTAL
BELCHERTOWN	603016	41101	60500	28832	24921	29106	787476
GRANBY	368520	30826	27500	13105	11328	13025	464304
HARDWICK	110091	10275	15278	7281	6293	6536	155754
MONSON	545354	30826	58055	27667	23914	18252	704068
N. BRAINTREE	105909	10275	7944	3786	3272	2435	133622
PALMER	538093	41101	70888	33783	29201	27831	740897
WARE	346316	102752	52555	25046	21649	19871	568189
TOTAL	2617299	267156	292720	139500	120579	117056	3554310

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies. Pathfinder intends to continue its membership in the Regional Education & Business Alliance, an effort that serves as a catalyst for change. It also intends to work with its sister institutions throughout Massachusetts to develop common plans and responses to the challenges we face.

The Committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectation that the expected reauthorization of the school finance formula will offer more advantages to regional school districts. In addition, the Committee anticipates that the new formula will provide more than the minimum per-pupil aid to districts such as Pathfinder. It is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within the District, and to that end, respectfully invites the continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in each of our seven communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer,
Chairman

Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown

Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown

Gary F. Connaughton, Granby
(through November 2000)

Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby

Harry T. Comerford, Hardwick

Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson

Sybil J. George, New Braintree
(through November 2000)

Geraldine A. Reavey, New Braintree

David Droz, Palmer

M. Barbara Ray, Ware

Bryan Danek, Student Representative

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-
Director

PLANNING BOARD

Belchertown continued with a steady rate of residential growth through 2000. The Planning Board is working to get the community involved to address this growth in several ways. These are described below with the summary of development.

Development Activity

Thirty-nine new building lots were created along existing town roads through "Approval Not Required" plans. These plans are those which divide land along existing road frontage and do not require subdivision approval. One definitive subdivision plan was approved. This is Hunter Hill off Federal Street near the Amherst town line. This subdivision has 18 house lots. There were five

preliminary subdivision plans submitted, including one for a business subdivision off Main Street. The four residential subdivisions were proposed to have about 148 house lots. The Planning Board also monitored eight other subdivisions under construction during 2000. Certificates of completion were issued for the first phases of Dana Woods. Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were also processed.

The Planning Board also reviewed several common driveways and site plans. There were three decisions on cellular communications towers. Two special permits were granted by the Planning Board for towers, one off Federal Street and one off Allen Road. One application for a tower, off Sabin Street, was denied.

Planning Projects

The Belchertown Community Plan effort has begun after a couple years of preparing for it. In the spring, the Community Plan Steering Committee had a survey conducted of over 900 residents selected randomly. There was an impressive response to this twelve-page booklet -- a return of over 70%! This demonstrated a very strong interest amongst residents in the future of the Town. This formal and statistically-valid effort is being followed by a series of public forums. The Selectmen hired LandUse, Inc. of Hadley, to conduct the public participation phase of gathering information. The first public forum was held in October. Over 160 residents gave their Thursday evening to discuss the future of the Belchertown. This process

continues into 2001 to result in the formal Community Plan of Belchertown.

At the Annual Town Meeting last May, voters adopted a new schedule of uses for the Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Board had spent several months devising this new table, which guides what uses can go in which zone. The Board published several articles in the Sentinel, held several public meetings to discuss it, and brought the comprehensive revision to town meeting. The Planning Board started the project of revision their subdivision regulations. This has involved a lot of research, and the active solicitation of comments from engineers, developers, other town boards and offices, the public and Town Counsel. The final revision will be adopted in early 2001.

The Town Planner is overseeing development of the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS). In 2000, the Assessing, Conservation and Health offices had the GIS software installed and data converted for use in the system. The Department of Public Works is having an extensive amount of information collected for their part of the GIS. This project will continue several years until each municipal department is integrated into the system.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning

Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the Zoning By-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, frontage lot, or "Approval Not Required", plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the Town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The Board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the general public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, legal and procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

- Michael Beresky, Vice Chair (term expires: 2001);
- Elizabeth Chase, (term expires: 2002);
- James Barry, Chair and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2003);
- James Natle, Clerk (term expires: 2004);
- Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2005);

- Ronald Akins, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits; (appointed annually)
- Joe Gilman, Associate Member. (appointed annually)

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The Board thanks James D. Hodgen, whose term ended in 2000, for his many years of service. He served on the Planning Board for 13 years and contributed much insight on technical matters and local history.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Barry, Chairman
Planning Board

POLICE CANDIDATE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Peter Burton declined appointment this year after many years of service. He will be missed. Al Roccanti was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to replace Peter on September 18, 2000. The other members are Patricia Sheridan and Orin Bracey.

Patricia was selected to be the new chairman and Al Roccanti the new secretary for the Committee.

The Committee met October 30, 2000 with Chief Knight to discuss the procedures for reviewing resumes and holding interviews of potential candidates. The Committee then met five times in November.

The Committee set standards for reviewing resumes, planned interview questions, decided on a rating scale for candidates and went over the selected resumes together. The Committee interviewed the candidates and then sent a list December 4, 2000, to the Chief for his final interviews.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2000 was highlighted by a new Police Station, low crime and an expanded community commitment.

The Town's Police Department moved on July 15, 2000 to a new facility in the William Gerry Whitlock Municipal Complex at 70 State Street. The 11,000 square foot building is spacious, functional in design and equipped with state-of-the-art communications technology. The lower level contains a garage, booking area, holding cells, storage space for records and evidence, a physical fitness room equipped by the Belchertown Police Association, locker rooms and showers. The main level – built with “Community” in mind – features a large attractive lobby, a communications center, the office of community services and a Community Room where roll call and training is held. To the rear of the main level are interview and conference rooms, report

writing areas and office space. The top level of the building is reserved for future growth. Department members take great pride in their new headquarters and local residents can be proud as well.

Nationwide, crime has been at a level lower than most law enforcement professionals have experienced in several years. While many feel that this trend has “bottomed out,” our local crime statistics indicate that Belchertown is a safe place to live and work. Although aggravated assaults increased in 2000, simple assaults, burglaries and larcenies all decreased. Our total crime index dipped to 81, compared to 113 in 1999. One hundred eighty-two persons were arrested in 2000, down from nearly 500 a decade ago. Police responded to 2,516 incidents through the year.

Speeding on town streets is still a persistent complaint, primarily during commuter hours. Accidents involving motor vehicles increased by 62% to 288. Officers continue to enforce motor vehicle laws in an effort to curb the problem.

Community Policing programs such as Rape Aggression Defense and D.A.R.E. have continued with great success. Another session of the Citizen Police Academy – the first to use the new Community Room training facility – graduated in late December. This program teaches interested residents about all aspects of police work, including law, administration, use of force, firearms training, and investigations. A full-time School Resource Officer program should begin in the Spring of 2001, thanks to a

grant received from the Department of Justice. The Police Department, in cooperation with Belchertown's schools, continues to make school safety a primary focus.



The Department realizes that support from our residents and local government is essential. We are fortunate that the Belchertown Police Department receives that support and hope it is an indication of the good work we do to serve our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

In its seventh year, the Department of Public Works had another notable year with several projects moving forward and nearing completion. At the forefront is the long awaited reconstruction of the Main & Maple Street intersection. With

an expected completion during the spring of 2001; the benefits of the right turn lane, on Main Street and Maple Street, together with the realignment of the Jabish Street, Maple Street approaches will certainly be worth the wait.

The year 2000 will also be known as the year the smokestack fell. After standing in a silent vigil to the fire that destroyed the surrounding mills 32 years prior, the Town utilized a \$15,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to raze the dilapidated structure. On June 3rd, several hundred spectators from Palmer and Belchertown gathered to witness this historic event. At approximately 9:00 a.m., the cry of "fire in the hole" was heard by all, and it was over. My congratulations and special thanks to all those who participated with this project.

In addition to these projects, the various divisions within the Department worked collectively on several other projects. This makes it difficult to place them into any one division's yearly accomplishments. However, for the purpose of this report, they will be included within the division they are best suited. Please keep in mind, any attempt to list all of the activities each division performed would be nearly impossible, therefore, I will limit this report to our major accomplishments.

Highway Division

This division noted many accomplishments during the year 2000. It all started with 26" of snowfall during January, led into several severe freezing rain events in

February, and ended with much of the same during November and December. During these periods, the Highway Division's activities focused on snow and ice removal, as well as, performing equipment maintenance between the storms. The remainder of the year, highway crews completed the site work at the William G. Whitlock Municipal Complex, prepared roads for resurfacing, installed signs, installed guardrails, removed brush and vegetation from roadsides, patched potholes, installed 1,800 feet of 12" diameter water line on Stadler Street for the new High School, worked on the upper soccer field at the Constantino Recreation Facility, installed beaver deceivers on Bay Road and Lake Drive to elevate the flooding problems around the lakes, cleaned catch basins, performed drainage improvements, swept roadways, repaired washouts that resulted from the severe thunderstorms that occurred during May and July, and began the tedious process of locating all of the Town's sewers, and catch basins for inclusion within the Town's Geographic Information System.

Locations resurfaced with bituminous concrete, and which received drainage enhancements included:

Sherwood Drive	2112'
Rita Lane	700'
Poole Road	1309'
Bay Road	3168'
Jackson Street	6336'
Stadler Street	1750'
Michael Sears Rd.	4680'
Keyes Street	1056'
Cold Spring Rd.	1500'
Total:	22,611' (4.3 miles)

Locations resurfaced with chip seal included:

Moore Road	2112'
West Street	7392'
Bardwell Street	6072'
Shea Avenue	1584'
Green Avenue	7000'
Total:	24,160 (4.6 miles)

Locations receiving drainage improvements: Cordner Road, Orchard Street, Old Pelham Road.

Streets currently under construction: South Gulf Road, Barrett Street.

Locations receiving guardrail installation:

South Street	1260'
Enoch Sanford Rd.	145'
North Street	120'
Aldrich Street	270'
Turkey Hill Road	40'
Warren Wright Rd.	190'

Wastewater Treatment Plant

With several large capitol projects currently at different phases of construction, and several more in the planning process, the Wastewater Treatment Division is expanding at an incredible rate. At the forefront of this activity is the reconstruction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which after more than two years, is 95 % complete. In addition to this, the Town is providing sewers to the residents and businesses along Stadler Street, Springfield Road, Pendleton Avenue, and Pine Valley Plantation Mobile Home Park. The expense for all of these projects exceeds 13 million dollars, and will be largely

recovered through user fees and assessments.

In addition, to having to endure all of the previously mentioned activities, the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was responsible for the daily operation of the plant, and several other projects. With over 1,238,500 gallons of raw sewerage entering the facility, year 2000 may have been the most difficult and busiest year on record.

Some of the their required work included:

- Collection System Maintenance
- Building and Grounds Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Process Control Procedures
- Sampling and Laboratory Analysis

In addition, these employees also completed the following:

- Training associated with the upgrade of the plant
- Required training set forth by the Department of Environmental Protection
- Installation of 200' of 8" sewer main across Federal Street for the expansion of sewers to Pelham Road, and the Tri-Lakes region
- Replacement of 700' of 8" sewer main on Howard Street
- Inspection of 10 new residential sewer connections

Grounds Maintenance Division

The Grounds Maintenance Division was created in 2000, as a result of the Maintenance Division's separation into separate buildings and grounds divisions. This division is responsible for the maintenance of the Town's grounds including those in and around the school buildings. With an estimated 165 acres under our control, the responsibilities of this division are widespread and never-ending. Some of the duties performed on a routine basis include: mowing, trimming shrubs, pruning, ball field construction and maintenance, ball field lining, installation of seasonal decorations, fertilizing, aerating, and equipment maintenance. In addition, this division is largely responsible for the preparation of the Belchertown Fair, and the yearly opening of the Town Beach. This division's success depends greatly on the expertise of its employees. I am happy to report, that with all the confusion associated with this transition, this division not only upheld its standard of quality, it expanded into new areas without skipping a beat.

Buildings Maintenance

As previously mentioned, the Buildings Maintenance Division was created in 2000 with the reorganization of the former "Maintenance Division". Its responsibilities include all aspects of maintenance to the Town's buildings, excluding the school's buildings. This includes custodial duties, repairs, and general upkeep. In the past, the division was responsible for the maintenance of the Town Hall, Library, Finnerty House,

Old Town Hall, Old Highway Garage, EMS Facility, Fire Station, DPW buildings, tennis court building, Day School, and the buildings at the Town Beach. In 2000, the Teen Center, Freedom Center, Senior Center, and Police Station buildings were added to this list.

Some of the other areas this division worked in includes:

- Renovations to one wing of the Teen Center for the Recreation Department
- Freedom Center Renovations
- Sprinkler System installation at the Teen Center
- Installation of new carpets at Lawrence Memorial Hall
- Installation of new window blinds at Lawrence Memorial Hall
- Playground repairs
- Resurfacing of the Old Town Hall floor

Transfer Station

Due to several regulatory changes, and our ever increasing operating costs, the year 2000 will be the last year our transfer station fees did not increase. For almost 10 years, the fee for the facility was \$40.00 for a transfer station permit with a senior citizen discount of \$7.00. Ironically, the fee prior to that was \$50.00 with the same senior citizen discount, and it is with great reservation that we must report the \$50.00 fee will be instated for 2001, as well as a new rate schedule for miscellaneous items.

However, it is with great pleasure that we can report the new fee structure will allow us to continue to accommodate a wide variety of disposal and recycling needs. The items accepted at the transfer station include: solid waste, furniture, white goods, mercury containing devices, cathode ray tubes, tires, motor oil, brush, and yard waste. In addition, we also accept a wide variety of recyclables that include: plastics #1-#7, paper, tin, glass, and cardboard. This year, the Town also received a \$1,600.00 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to start a compost bin distribution program. The Town used this grant money to make an initial purchase of bins, resold them at 50% of their value, and will continue to repeat this cycle until all of the funds have been depleted. With total sales of 76 bins, sold for \$19.00 each, the program is a great success.

We also offered to all residents, regardless of whether or not they utilize the services at the transfer station, the opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste. In June, this department held its annual hazardous waste day. A record 172 residents attended the annual event. We collected 37 drums of hazardous materials, 540' of fluorescent bulbs and 40 appliances containing cathode ray tubes. The total disposal cost was \$7,905.00.

We are proud of our various programs and encourage anyone not currently utilizing these services to check out our prices and compare them with your current situations.

Below, we have outlined our material quantities received at the transfer station in 2000:

- 14 tons of plastic
- 506 tons of paper/cardboard
- 72 tons of glass/metal
- 431 assorted tires
- 2,995 gallons of waste oil

Cemetery Division

During 2000, a total of 33 burials were conducted, 10 of which were cremations. Other routine activities included lot sales and development, grounds maintenance, and head stone repairs. In addition, this year the grout within the stonewall at the Lake Vale Cemetery was cleaned and repaired, the expansion of the Evergreen Cemetery was completed, and progress was made on the expansion of the Lake Vale Cemetery.

The work at the Lake Vale Cemetery included: the placement of fill, grading, paving, and lot layout. As expected, this expansion should produce 200 additional lots.

Tree and Vegetation Control

This year's greatest activity within tree and vegetation control was removals. For various reasons, record numbers of Eastern White Ash, Sugar Maples, and Hemlock trees continued to die off and became public safety hazards. In addition, several severe thunderstorms moved through town in May and June. As a result, extensive damage occurred to the trees along our roadways causing

widespread power outages and the closing of roads.

The department was successful in obtaining two grants from the Department of Environmental Management for the purpose of maintaining existing, and planting new trees. The first, Massachusetts Relief Grant, in the amount of \$3,188.00 was used to plant 22 trees

at both the Town Common and the Whitlock Municipal Complex.

The trees selected and planted are as follows:

- 5 – Kwanzan Cherry
- 2 – American Hornbeam
- 3 – Cornelian Cherry
- 2 – Kentucky Coffee Trees
- 5 – Winter King Hawthorn
- 1 – Tulip Tree
- 3 – Indian Magic Crab Apples
- 1 – Pin Oak

The second, Heritage Tree Grant, in the amount of \$1,675.00 was used solely for the maintenance of the historic trees on the common. This funding was used for fertilizing, trimming, insecticide injections, and treatment, of the Elm Trees to mitigate the threat of the Dutch Elm Disease.

Concluding Statement

In conclusion, I would like to call attention to the employees within the Department of Public Works. As this department has expanded at an incredible pace, they have grown into one unified group, and together they have made 2000 another successful year. For this, I can

proudly boast their dedication and commitment is second to none.

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report

The 2000 school year could be characterized as having witnessed continued student enrollment growth, the attainment of strong student achievement gains based on statewide student assessment standards, the infusion of new computers into the schools and the installation of the new fiber-optic MAN (i.e., Metropolitan Area Network), renewed long-term instructional program planning, and both buildings and grounds renovations and new construction.

Despite a decrease in the number of single family dwellings, from 119 in 1999 to 88 in 2000, student enrollment increased by 57 students in 2000, or by two additional classrooms. Both the construction of new dwellings and the resale of existing homes continued to reinforce the long-term trend of increasing student enrollment in Belchertown. Looking back at the past twenty-two years of reports submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Education, student enrollment in the Belchertown School District increased by 72%; from 1,391 in 1979 to 2,395 in 2000.

Regarding student achievement based on statewide standards, Belchertown Public Schools continued to perform well in 2000. Based on the MCAS 2000 test

results, Belchertown students performed above the state average in 90% of the content areas tested and improved in 90% of the content areas tested as compared to the MCAS 1999 test results. According to the statewide ranking of school districts in Massachusetts, related to the MCAS 2000 test results, Belchertown finished in the "Top 10" of all school districts in Western Massachusetts and was ranked number "57 out of 208" school districts in the entire Commonwealth.

Compliments to an effective administration, faculty, and staff for providing Belchertown students with quality instruction!

During 2000, a substantial number of computers were purchased for the secondary schools. Both the high school and middle school received new PC computers for every classroom and the middle school computer lab received both new PC computers and new IMAC computers. This was in addition to the totally new PC computer labs at the high school, which were installed in 1999. Also, Charter Communications connected all school buildings with a fiber-optic MAN (Metropolitan Area Network). This long-awaited advanced fiber-optic communication network will soon make it possible for all school buildings to have high speed connections to the Internet and will allow all schools to send data and voice to each other.

Renewed long-term planning, in several instructional program areas, was also a highlight of the 2000 school year. One example was the creation of a task force to look at the development of a comprehensive district-wide plan to

enhance student achievement in both the academic and creative arts areas. The Programs for Accelerated Students Task Force, working with a nationally recognized consultant in gifted & talented education, was able to successfully develop and present to the community an initial program model to help all students accelerate their learning. A second example was the finalization of a report, by the Special Education Steering Committee, regarding program goals to be given priority attention for the improvement of all school district student compensatory programs over the next several years. The Special Education Steering Committee, now the advisory committee to the superintendent, has begun to monitor the goals found within the report. And a third example was the revitalization of the School/Community Technology Advisory Committee, which began to update the school district's current five-year technology plan, based on the new Department of Education three year technology standards; to be achieved by 2003.

Finally, the 2000 school year included some important building and grounds renovations and construction. One major renovation was the installation of a new telephone/burglar/ telephone system in the middle school, and the second major renovation was the removal and replacement of the underground fuel oil tanks at Belchertown High School, Cold Spring School, Franklin School, and Center School (i.e., the Central Office). Both of these renovations were put-off for many years, but needed immediate attention during 2000. The big construction project continued to be the

new high school building project, which proceeded on time and within budget. The new high school is still scheduled to open in the fall of 2002 (i.e., the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year).

As you continue to read this report, you will be informed about many of the specific happenings and accomplishments in other departments and at all the school levels within the Belchertown School District. Thank you for your continued support of the Belchertown Public Schools.

School Business Manager's Report

During 2000, the citizens of Belchertown continued to provide strong financial support for their schools by once again voting for a school budget in excess of the minimum contribution required by the Department of Education. The school district's effective procedures for monitoring the spending of the budget for 2000, allowed the financial resources to be used for all the areas requested in the approved budget.

During the year, the Director of Buildings and Grounds established a list of general building repairs and preventative maintenance measures and implemented the successful completion of the list with the hardworking custodial staff. Major projects completed during the year included the replacement of the intercom/phone/burglar system at Chestnut Hill Community School, removal and installation of a 10,000 gallon fuel oil tank at Belchertown High School, removal of a 10,000 gallon fuel oil tank and installation of a 5,000 gallon

fuel oil tank at Cold Spring School, removal of a 5,000 gallon fuel oil tank and installation of two 330 gallon fuel oil tanks at the Central Office and removal of a 2,000 gallon fuel oil tank and installation of two 275 gallon fuel oil tanks at the Franklin School.

Through the effective management of the Food Service Department, by the Food Service Director and the support of the dedicated food service staff, additional improvements were made during the year by the Food Service Department. The improvements included adding a third serving line at the middle school and the high school to offer more choices and quicker service to our students and replacing equipment to improve efficiency and provide better service to our students. The Food Service Department continued to follow the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and offer food bars at the Belchertown High School, grab and go cold bag lunches at the elementary and primary levels, vegetarian choices, an increase in grains, fresh fruit and vegetables, and more choices for alternative meals.

The Belchertown Public Schools went out to bid for regular transportation and awarded the contract to Bruce Transportation for a three year contract for the school years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003. Belchertown Public Schools continued to provide bus transportation for all students to and from all the schools as well as transportation for special education students. Bus transportation was also provided for students participating in after school activities and high school athletics.

Pupil-Personnel Director's Report

The 1999 - 2000 school year was a year of growth and reorganization for the Pupil Personnel Department. As of December 1, 2000, there were 336 special needs students, 104 Title 1 students, 11 students receiving English as a Second Language (ESL) services and 145 students receiving services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in the Belchertown Public School System. The vast majority of these students are serviced through programs provided within the District. These in-district programs include co-teaching models at the primary, elementary and intermediate levels. In addition to the co-teaching programs, we also employ learning centers at the elementary level and resource rooms at the intermediate level. Additional programs include a Learning Skills Program at Belchertown High School, Language Learning Programs at both the Intermediate level and High School level, a School-to-Work Partnership program at the High School level, three Early Childhood Programs at Swift River Elementary School and an Early Childhood Language Program, also located at Swift River Elementary School. These programs, plus our therapeutic programs, service special needs students between the ages of 3 - 22 years of age inclusive. Therapeutic programs include Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Adaptive Physical Education. With the assistance of our Integration Facilitator, several students who otherwise would be placed in out-of-district placements are currently being educated in their local schools with support services.

Title 1, ESL and Section 504 services are offered to students who qualify under federal and state guidelines for additional support services. These services are provided in a variety of settings utilizing specialized materials and instruction.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the high quality Special Education, Title 1, ESL, and Section 504 services provided to the students of Belchertown are made possible through the dedication and expertise of the special education and regular education staffs.

Primary Schools Principal's Report

The Primary Schools continue to thrive and flourish. Several new programs have been successfully piloted and implemented at Berkshire, Tadgell and Cold Spring Schools. Over 570 students in kindergarten, first and second grade benefited immensely from innovative instructional practices provided to address and meet the specific needs and challenges of our youngest students. A dedicated and collegial teaching staff utilized various grant opportunities and support services to enhance and improve the effectiveness of our schools and instructional programs. Over forty eight of the goals outlined in the School Improvement Plan have been achieved this year.

The Parent Involvement Project (PIP), the After School Reading Program, and the Primary School Players drama club continue to serve as exemplary models of creativity and extended educational involvement. Forming partnerships within the larger learning community and

establishing effective home school connections, afforded the Primary Schools enriched opportunities for students to develop holistically. An Intergenerational Greenhouse project at Tadgell School and a wide array of community service learning endeavors also allowed children a chance to experience the excitement of learning "outside" the classroom. The Primary Schools have certainly made significant progress in enabling their students to become independent thinkers and self directed learners.

The teachers, paraprofessionals, and administration attended dynamic professional development workshops and courses focusing on writing across the curriculum, differentiated instruction and performance based assessment throughout the school year and during the summer. Concerted efforts were made to gather data demonstrating each student's progress and achievement so that individualized instruction could be monitored and provided. By utilizing these methodologies, students were able to work at differentiated levels of achievement relevant to their own levels of interest and mastery of grade level goals and curricular objectives.

The Primary School Council members remained instrumental in revising and refining the School Improvement Plan. Sarah Workman; Co-Chair and Parent Representative, Regina Post; Parent Representative, James Lafley; Community Representative, Marnie Henneman; Teacher Representative, Susan Kenney; Teacher Representative, Barbara Schafer Bacon; School

Committee Liaison and Sandra Bremer; Principal and Co-Chair spent many hours collaborating, planning, and hosting age appropriate programs and exciting family events. They continued their efforts preparing for a pilot full day kindergarten program and the transition of grades one and two to Swift River Elementary School in the fall of 2002. The council also attended a state wide Parent Involvement (PIP) Showcase and Conference at Worcester State College in June of 2000. They were recognized and praised by the Department of Education for their outstanding efforts and success in this area.

A new Assistant Principal, Alaena Podmore, was appointed to the Primary level on July 1st. She possesses unique talents and strengths in the field of Special Education and has been a valuable asset in overseeing and refining the newly implemented Co-Teaching Inclusion model. We look forward to the positive contributions Mrs. Podmore is sure to make and welcome her in joining us as we continually strive for excellence and renew our commitment to providing the best educational experience possible for our students at Tadgell, Berkshire and Cold Spring Schools.

Elementary School Principal's Report

The Swift River Elementary School Community continues to provide a caring, respectful, dynamic and safe environment for faculty, staff, and students. We have developed a family style relationship based upon the values of mutual respect, respect for our school, and respect for the environment. As the new high school

construction project progresses, we are preparing for the reorganization and movement of grade level configuration. In September of the year 2002, the present elementary structure of grades three through five will change. Grade three remains at Swift River Elementary School and is joined by grades one and two from the primary level. Grades four and five will move to Chestnut Hill Community School and join grade six. Although the resulting division of our present community will be difficult, we accept the challenges of creating two new learning communities.

Much of our time and energy continues to be focused on implementing the Massachusetts frameworks as dictated by the Educational Reform Act of 1993. Our top priority was to improve our MCAS scores. The faculty attended many professional development opportunities including three workshops funded by the Essential Skills Grant to improve instruction in writing, math open-ended questions, and research skills. Our latest MCAS results showed improvement in all areas tested.

Co-taught inclusion classrooms were established in each grade level last year as a result of a recommendation of the district's SPED Steering Committee. Each inclusion classroom has two teachers who plan strategies to more effectively meet the needs and special needs of all students in the classroom. Inclusionary classrooms represent a major shift away from the isolation created by pullout programs for special needs students. Our staff is very encouraged by the results of their efforts

toward inclusion and are continuing to build upon the initial accomplishments.

Mr. Ned Pratt was appointed as our full time assistant principal after serving on a shared basis with the primary level last year. He brings a wealth of administrative experience to our school and is a valued member of our school community. Mrs. Kimberly Bernashe, Mrs. Cynthia Fournier and Mrs. Suzanne Dudley joined our Grade 4 staff this year and Mr. Brian Goodreau joined our Grade 5 staff. Mrs. Paula Miron transferred from the Office of Pupil Personnel Services to serve as Senior Secretary in our office.

The Swift River Elementary School Council reviewed and updated our school improvement plan, which was approved by the School Committee in December. This year's council is comprised of Lisa Bombard, Parent Representative; Charles Myers, Parent Representative; Rose Luipold, Parent Representative; Dianne Magee, Community Representative; Deborah Jacobson, Teacher Representative; Nancy Kwiatkowski, Teacher Representative; Gary Millett, Principal and Co-Chair; and Kathleen Beresky, School Committee Liaison.

As we begin a new century, we look forward to all the opportunities to work with the entire community of Belchertown in support of our children.

Middle School Principal's Report

The year 2000 was a successful one for the students and staff of Chestnut Hill Community School. We are grateful to

the community for the ongoing support that allows us to provide quality-learning opportunities to the middle school children of Belchertown.

Students in the 6th grade, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Diane Brown and Ms Sherry Sajdak, have created a nature trail for school and community use. The trail is located adjacent to the playscape and just below the new high school construction site. It was developed using Community Service Learning Grant funds, support from local community groups, and a great deal of hard work by our 6th grade students. The purpose of this project was: plant and animal studies, environmental studies, habitat development, and as a community resource for all to enjoy. The trail is an ongoing project, whose maintenance and expansion, will be handed down to each new 6th grade class.

Technology came flooding through the door of the middle school this summer with the replacement of our old public address system and phone system. Also, 30 new computers were installed in our student lab and 60 more in classrooms and work areas of the building. All of the computers have been networked and have Internet access. This is a major upgrade in our ability to bring technology into the classroom.

Creating a better learning environment for all of our students is important and the development of our 6th grade inclusion model has been a major achievement. We are in our 2nd year with this program and have found it to be a wonderful learning community for all of our

students. In addition to this program, we implemented a Language Learning Program to meet the needs of students' who struggle in a more traditional class setting. We remain committed to creating learning opportunities for all of our students.

Looking to the future we've begun to plan for the continuation of our after school program. Our grant from the federal government provided for three years and then we must sustain the program using local funds. Also, as the fall of 2002 looms, we are finalizing plans to transition our 7th & 8th grade students, teachers, materials, and learning environment to our accommodations in the newly vacated Belchertown High School.

High School Principal's Report

It was the start of an outstanding new year on January 2nd, 2000, when faculty, staff, and students returned to Belchertown High School for an all school breakfast followed by an all school assembly featuring motivational speaker, Mr. Ed Gerety. The Student Council sponsored this very successful event which helped to kick off an exciting year.

On February 14th, the faculty, staff, and students welcomed members of the class of 2004 and their parents to an Eighth Grade Orientation program at the high school. The BHS Band performed in the Robert B. Byard Gymnasium. Following this outstanding performance, administrators, faculty, and students spoke to the large crowd on hand about the wonderful opportunities at

Belchertown High School. There were also panel presentations where parents and students could meet with faculty members to discuss the many course offerings at Belchertown High School. The culminating event took place in the cafeteria with a sundae bar and an extra-curricular activities fair where current students discussed the many activities at BHS. The night was truly a great success.

Groundbreaking for the new Belchertown High School took place on June 10th. This was a very exciting event for all who were in attendance. The faculty and staff continue to work closely with the Building Committee and the architect in designing this state of the art facility. The new high school is moving along very well and it is slated for completion in the spring of 2002.



*Belchertown's new high school
is under construction.*

The Belchertown High School Council was instrumental in creating the Belchertown High School Improvement Plan. The plan was presented to the School Committee in the spring and it was very well received. This plan will

serve as a guide as Belchertown High School moves into the future. Special thanks to School Council members: Nancy Karmelek, Nancy Kwiatkowski, Larry Pringle, Alan Weiss, Jackie Jurkowski, Lori Vaz, Jan Wheeler, Jennifer Fay, Alison Karmelek, Anne Roberts, and Caroline Lequin.

The Belchertown High School faculty worked diligently on the Two Year Progress Report for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Faculty members worked on this report throughout the summer and fall. Once all of the information was gathered, co-chairs Jane Kubacki and Jan Wheeler and Library Media Specialist, Maryanne O'Brien, and Technology teacher, Madeline Fitzgerald, compiled the information into a report that was submitted to NEAS&C in November. Special thanks to the teachers for their efforts with this very important project.

On August 30th, 575 students and 72 faculty and staff members began the 2000-2001 school year. The first four months of school have been filled with many activities. One of the most memorable and touching events of the school year was the awarding of a high school diploma to Mr. James Kisser, a student who left Belchertown High School to serve our country during World War II. In the words of Mr. Robert Byard, former superintendent of schools – "Mr. Kisser is a genuine hero."

The mission of Belchertown High School is to provide a quality education for all students in a caring environment. We believe that education is the shared

responsibility of students, parents, educators, and the community. Recognizing the diversity of students' backgrounds, needs, and learning styles, we are committed to providing our students with the academic and social skills necessary to meet their needs and challenge their abilities. Further, we develop in our students an understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and lifestyles in relation to our global community. Our students develop a sense of social awareness and gain the competencies necessary to become productive members of society.

TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center celebrated its second birthday on September 1, 2000. The Center's success not only comes from the support of the administration but from the community and its many volunteers. Without their assistance and encouragement, the Center would not continue to be a model center in Western Massachusetts. Part-time assistance was hired and our volunteer help has increased, allowing us to expand our daily programming. After school art and crafts, creative writing and cake decorating is being held weekly with the financial assistance of the After School Program and at no cost to the participants. The Safe Sitter course is also being taught to our budding babysitters. The late bus is available for teens with transportation issues.

Changes around the center have added a new spark and ownerships to our newest members. We have repainted walls,

decorated areas, and the teens are now in the design stage of giving a new look to several of the spaces.

With the assistance of the Friends of the Teen Center we held our second annual All Night Alternative Party after the senior class prom, a Luau night, a free spaghetti supper to the Senior Citizens of Belchertown, a successful Second Annual Holiday Bazaar, field trips, a holiday dinner, a three part violence prevention workshop, a car wash that benefited area food pantries, post game pizza parties, and our annual craft fair on the common. We have been busy planning new community service activities for the upcoming year.

Overall, the Teen Center focuses on providing enriching activities to teens that might otherwise not have an opportunity to express themselves creatively and to learn constructive problem solving and social skills within a positive growth-oriented environment. More than two hundred teen residents from seventh to twelfth grade visit the center each week to work on school and center projects, learn the game of pool, foosball, or ping-pong, and more importantly learn the necessary social and personal skills that will give them a firm advantage throughout their lives. We look forward to our second year and our new adventures.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Belchertown has joined the Digital Revolution.

During the past year, Charter Communications installed new fiber optic cable throughout Town and brought new digital services into our homes. A daunting task, to say the least, Charter pulled off this monumental project within a very short period, far ahead of their June 2001 target date. Charter representatives have now visited most subscribers, going into the homes to upgrade cable wiring and connectors, and to install new digital set top boxes.

The digital set top boxes have been introduced on a free one-month trial basis for the digital programming, after which the subscriber can decide whether or not they want to keep the digital programming and services. The channels in the lower range of the system are still being transmitted in analogue form, and do not require the use of the digital set top box.

The new digital set top boxes allow for the reception of digitally transmitted programming, which provides a much higher level of picture and sound quality, and more recently, has allowed the introduction of true interactive services via the 'Wink Interactive Service'. Other interactive services will be introduced in the coming years, and this will revolutionize the function of the TV within the home, as the convergence of the TV and the PC continues. It will not be long before we have email capabilities and Internet access via our TVs. A host of other services, such as being able to place take-out orders from local restaurants, will soon begin testing and in neighboring towns.

Many subscribers may recently have noticed the 'i' symbol that appears within a triangle, on many channels such as CNN, CNBC, E!, and others. This is part of the 'Wink Interactive' system. Pressing the 'Select' button on the remote allows access to all manner of additional information - even shopping opportunities. More information regarding the 'Wink Interactive Service' may be found on Channel 100.

Many residents and subscribers have been waiting for the introduction of high-speed Internet access in Belchertown. We now have that capability with Charter Pipeline - Internet access via cable-modem at a very reasonable rate. This service is available as a separate service, apart from the cable TV services, although subscribers receiving both get a break on the pricing. Accessing the Internet via cable modem provides for a dramatic increase in both download and upload times.

In addition to the launch of the new system at the subscriber level, Charter has also installed a totally separate, fiber optic Intranet that serves all the Town's administrative buildings, all the schools, and the library, providing high-speed digital video, audio and data capabilities and services to Town employees and students. Belchertown is only one of a few principalities within the Commonwealth to enjoy such a system, and is truly poised at the forefront of the Digital Revolution.

The Town's new Intranet will allow for all Town services to be connected within a single system, saving administrative

headaches, and allowing the Town huge savings on contracted services, such as Internet access and telephony, as all services will now be available over a single pipeline. The schools and library will be connected to each other, allowing for cross broadcasting of special courses and events, the import of remote educational programming, and high-speed Internet access. The Town Intranet was built as part of the Cable Agreement and Charter Communications has gone to great lengths to provide a first-class system to the Town, at quite the substantial cost.

Part of this build-out also required the upgrade of the Channel 5 broadcast capabilities, by first providing a separation of the Belchertown and Hadley local access signals, and then by providing Channel 5 separate fiber lines to connect remote broadcast locations. A hitch suddenly developed while Charter was in the midst of stringing up the new fiber. Channel 5, which was operating out of sub-standard quarters in the basement of Town Hall, desperately needed larger quarters. A quick move to one of the buildings on the State School property was worked out, and the fiber was strung of signal over fiber optic lines, was now needed at each of the remote broadcast sites - a costly consideration. Charter Communications stepped right up to the plate, and donated this equipment to the Town, a fine gesture indeed.

While a project of this magnitude cannot be expected to proceed without problems, we are happy to report that most subscribers have been ecstatic with regard to their system upgrades, that the representatives of Charter

Communications have been diligent and respectful during their upgrade visits, and reports of problems have been minimal. Charter has been acting in good faith, has provided customer service on a 24-7 basis, and continues to add new programming and service options.

Of late, there has been an unexpectedly large rate increase, as seen on our January 2001 bills. This is on top of a smaller increase we saw last spring. While neither this Committee, nor the Board of Selectmen, have any say in the matter, we can remind the subscribers that it has been some time since any prior rate increase. Although it may seem a large increase for one year, if one goes back and averages it out over the many years when there was no rate increase, we really are not seeing anything out of line with industry pricing.

We should remind the subscribers that there are two areas that the Town has no say in when it comes to the Cable Agreement and company operations within the Town – rates and channel selection. The cable rates are regulated by the Commonwealth, and channel selection is based upon popularity, sometimes determined by survey, and the capability of those channels to make money for the operator. The cost of programming is skyrocketing, and the cost of consumer choice is, of course, reflected in our monthly bills. Consider the plethora of multi-million dollar athletes – a great deal of their pay is linked to income from their respective team's broadcast rights. The more an athlete gets paid, the more the team must demand for transmission of the games,

and that gets passed on to us, the consumer. The same is true of all television production costs. When the stars of 'Friends' each get paid a million dollars an episode, the broadcaster must pay more for each episode, the cable company gets charged more by the broadcaster, and our cable bill goes up.

The Committee has recently been informed that a Senior Citizen Discount will be offered on a portion of the cable bill. This discount program will be run through the Council on Aging, which will verify eligibility, and should be available by early spring 2001.

The Committee has been kept very busy this past year, as we kept an eye on Charter's fiber optic build-out activities, worked with them on the plans for the Town Intranet, and fielded subscriber queries. We are very confident that Charter Communications work within and with the Town of Belchertown has proceeded in an diligent, professional manner, and that the partnership that has formed through these efforts is, indeed, a valuable asset to this Town.

We cannot even begin to imagine the future look and nature of the Digital Revolution, which is still in its infancy. The continuing convergence of the TV and PC, the connecting of all manner of devices, the types of entertainment and modes of education, all continue to evolve. What we see and experience now will be totally different ten years from now, as our interaction with the world around us continues to develop into an all-encompassing medium that will connect us with anyone and everyone, anywhere, anytime. Being the

consumers, we do have a role in shaping and guiding the evolution of these mediums, and our input and interaction will become ever more important as the medium becomes more and more customizable and user friendly.

The Telecommunications Advisory Committee would especially like to thank Bob Gaboury and Tom Kolek, of Charter Communications, for their time and commendable efforts both in dealing with this Committee, and for the work they have done on the cable system upgrade and Town Intranet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Bowler, Chairman
Art Dunbar
Dan Fitzpatrick
Jim Kearney
Frank Lomanno

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

During calendar year 2000, all veterans' gravesites were re-identified at the six small Belchertown cemeteries (Hillcrest, Liberty, Dwight, Munsell, Lake Vale, and Rural). A new computerized listing, stored on disk, with a new matching grid map was established.

In the spring of 2001, the larger task of establishing a computerized listing for the South and Mount Hope Cemeteries will be accomplished.

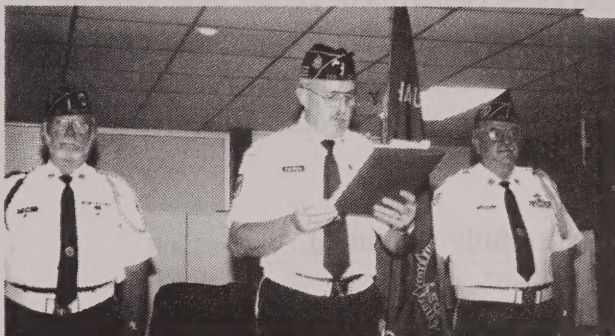
Also, a special thank you for their continued support goes out to American Legion Post 239, Belchertown, for

assistance in placing flags on the graves for Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione,
Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood
John Milner
Assistant Veterans' Graves Officers



Belchertown's American Legion Post 239 officers William Cook, Dan Miron and Ron Pobiegllo, conduct an installation ceremony at Holyoke Soldiers' Home



Selectmen Gerald Grasso and Linda Barron congratulate Belchertown resident, Dorothy Roccanti, following her installation into the American Legion Post 239

VETERANS' SERVICES

As the year neared completion, so did the schedule for completion of the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA. In late May 2001, the opening will take place. Please try to visit this wonderful site. This is the first State Veterans' Cemetery in Massachusetts.

The Veterans' Services Department continues to aid Wartime Veterans and/or their dependents. Also the Veterans' Services Department assists many veterans in: filing, requesting forms, submitting claims for Social Security, Veterans Administration and "other" local agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Messier, Director
Veterans' Services Department

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, in the Town Hall for the purpose of consolidating the various Town reports and statements concerning the various Town memorials in place on the Common Areas. The Civil War Memorial statue is in need of repairs and a discussion was held on this subject. The need for funding and materials was also duly noted. A subcommittee was formed to pursue this avenue of restoration. The Board of Selectmen will be notified when this report is in place in the year 2001. The next meeting of the Committee members will be held in the

spring of the year 2001. There were no expenses incurred for the publishing of this report by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo A. Beauchemin
Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD OF APPEALS

In the past year, the Board of Appeals received 17 applications for Special Permits, Variances and Appeals. Of the 17 applications, 13 were Special Permits, three Variance requests and one Appeal. Two Special Permits were denied, one Variance request was denied and the Appeal was denied. Three Special Permits granted by the Board have been appealed and are awaiting decision by the courts.

The members of the Board of Appeals would like to use this opportunity to give special thanks to Scott Surner for the many years of service he gave to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Roncolato, Chairman
Sandra Chapman, Member
Diane Loftus Mas, Member
Raymond Goff, Associate
John Milner, Associate

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 7, 2000

Office	Name	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Presidential Preference (Vote for One)	Al Gore	131	177	132	440
	Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	1	1	0	2
	Bill Bradley	104	82	75	261
	No Preference	0	0	5	5
	Ralph Nader(Writein)	2	0	0	2
	John McCain(Writein)	1	3	1	5
	George Bush(Writein)	0	2	1	3
	Lyndon Johnson(Writein)	0	0	1	1
	Blanks	0	2	1	3
	Totals	239	267	216	722
State Committee Man (Worc,Hampd,Hampsh & Fr Dist) (Vote for One Man)	Ralph E. Hicks	130	171	122	423
	Margart Higgins(Writein)	0	0	1	1
	Blanks	109	96	93	298
	Totals	239	267	216	722
State Committee Woman (Worc,Hampd,Hampsh & Fr Dist) (Vote for One Woman)	Tobie L. Schlosstein	137	180	120	437
	Banjo Artman(Writein)	0	0	1	0
	Blanks	102	87	95	284
	Totals	239	267	216	722
Town Committee (Vote-Not More Than 35)	M. Florine Neggers	161	169	133	463
	Michael A. Roncolato	140	141	107	388
	Christine L. Roncolato	144	150	111	405
	Elizabeth L. Loughran	144	125	112	381
	Richard E. Barrell	140	122	112	374
	Mary E. McCollom	136	128	117	381
	Simon R. James	135	138	107	380
	Lorraine M. Zatyрка	139	149	110	398
	Dorothy M. Brennen	143	146	122	411
	Madeline Casey	143	137	117	397
	Richard D. White	155	157	127	439
	Michael A. O'Connor	140	155	116	411
	Michael A. Beresky(Writein)	5	4	3	12
	Kathleen M. Beresky(Writein)	4	4	3	11
	Richard K. Cook,Sr(Writein)	4	5	3	12
	Judith C. Dudek(Writein)	5	4	3	12
	Darlene W. Sliwa(Writein)	4	6	3	13
	Jeanne M. White (Writein)	4	4	3	11
	Sundry Writeins	2	4	14	20
	Blanks	6617	7597	6137	20351
	Totals	8365	9345	7560	25270

Registered Democrats - Prec A - 722
 Prec B - 773
 Prec C - 641
 2136

Voted 3/7/00 - 239
 " 267
 " 216
 722

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 7, 2000

Office	Name	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Presidential Preference (Vote for One)	Alan Keyes	4	6	9	19
	George W. Bush	91	96	115	302
	Gary Bauer	1	0	0	1
	John McCain	154	162	170	486
	Steve Forbes	1	1	0	2
	Orrin Hatch	0	0	0	0
	No Preference	1	1	0	2
	Blanks	0	1	3	4
	Totals	252	267	297	816
State Committee Man (Worc,Hampd,Hampsh & Fr Dist) (Vote for One Man)	David H. Tuttle	130	155	176	461
	Jeff Gallant(Writein)	1	0	0	1
	Robert Lattanzi(Writein)	0	0	1	1
	Walter Henry(Writein)	0	0	1	1
	Mike Supple(Writein)	0	1	0	1
	Blanks	121	111	119	351
	Totals	252	267	297	816
State Committee Woman (Worc,Hampd,Hampsh & Fr Dist) (Vote for One Woman)	Sandra D. Adams	134	155	181	470
	Susan Latanzi(Writein)	0	0	1	1
	Blanks	118	112	115	345
	Totals	252	267	297	816
Town Committee (Vote-Not More Than 35)	William R. Barnett	161	160	190	511
	Richard H. Knight	136	138	167	441
	Gerald A. Grasso	135	149	157	441
	Pauline C. Johnson	147	146	168	461
	Donald R. LaPorte	136	142	160	438
	Betty Jean Jackson	134	133	159	426
	Charles W. Jackson	128	125	153	406
	Donald E. Perham	132	134	153	419
	David M. Sammataro	125	124	159	408
	Raymond J. Janke	132	130	147	409
	Cynthia J. Janke	137	132	147	416
	Joel J. Gummeson	132	125	155	412
	Deborah M. Sammataro	130	124	160	414
	Richard L. Robinson	124	128	152	404
	Anthony C. Crisafulli	130	132	150	412
	Kenneth D. Nolan	128	129	151	408
	Paulette J. Nolan	129	128	153	410
	Thomas E. Cooke	130	138	148	416
	Roberta B. Rhodes	134	128	155	417
	Dale R. Ulmer	128	128	154	410
	Albert R. Boulrice	125	132	148	405
	Kenneth I. Hislop	140	146	185	471
	Harvey A. Sansoucy	129	137	153	419
	Marcel F. Archambault	133	135	162	430
	Jeanne D. Paradise	133	127	153	413
	William F. Steplar	128	129	153	410
	Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr.	125	123	148	396
	Andrew T. Sears	135	134	157	426
	Richard G. Barry	129	134	155	418

Peter S. Galuszka	134	130	150	414
F. Knowlton Utley	132	126	150	408
Edward T. Knight	129	129	161	419
Mary Catherine Knight	133	130	163	426
Lester S. Howard	126	124	147	397
Mark D. Steadman((Writein)	2	8	13	23
Sundry Writeins	1	0	1	2
Blanks	4318	4828	5058	14204
Totals	8820	9345	10395	28560

Registered Republicans - Prec A - 343	Voted 3/7/00 - 252
Prec B - 414	" 267
Prec C - <u>399</u>	" <u>297</u>
1156	816

LIBERTARIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 7, 2000

Office	Name	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Presidential Preference (Vote for One)	Kip Lee	0	1	0	1
	Harry Browne	0	0	0	0
	Edison P. McDaniels, Sr.	0	0	0	0
	Larry Hines	0	0	0	0
	David Lynn Hollist	0	0	1	1
	L.Neil Smith	0	0	0	0
	No Preference	0	0	2	2
	Al Gore(Writein)	1	0	0	1
	Blanks	0	0	0	0
	Totals	1	1	3	5

State Committee Man, State Committee Woman, & Town Committee had no candidates.

Registered Libertarians - Prec A - 10	Voted 3/7/00 - 1
Prec B - 3	" 1
Prec C - <u>11</u>	" <u>3</u>
24	5

Registered Voters in Belchertown

	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec. C	Totals
Democrat	722	773	641	2136
Republican	343	414	399	1156
Libertarian	10	3	11	24
Unenrolled	1456	1546	1521	4523
Other	5	4	6	15
Totals	2536	2740	2578	7854

Total of 1543 voted = 19.65%

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN ELECTION MAY 15, 2000

*Denotes elected

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Prec.</u> <u>A</u>	<u>Prec.</u> <u>B</u>	<u>Prec.</u> <u>C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Moderator	*Terry Scott Nagel	163	222	170	555
1 year	Sundry Writeins	1	1	1	3
	Blanks	43	55	49	147
	Total	207	278	220	705
Town Clerk	*William R. Barnett	150	194	172	516
3 years	Gregory A. Galanek	54	73	41	168
	Blanks	3	11	7	21
	Total	207	278	220	705
Selectmen	*Linda E. Barron	151	221	174	546
3 years	*Gerald A. Grasso	144	154	147	445
	Edward J. Pazik	56	79	44	179
	Sundry Writeins	5	1	2	8
	Blanks	58	101	73	232
	Total	414	556	440	1410
School Committee	*Barbara Schaffer Bacon	149	194	143	486
3 years	*Sharon D. Barnett	140	190	166	496
	Sundry Writeins	1	0	0	1
	Blanks	124	172	131	427
	Total	414	556	440	1410
Planning Board	*Daniel R. Beaudette	141	194	147	482
5 years	Sundry Writeins	1	1	2	4
	Blanks	65	83	71	219
	Total	207	278	220	705
Board of Assessors	*Michael P. Forgue	149	211	169	529
3 years	Sundry Writeins	1	0	0	1
	Blanks	57	67	51	175
	Total	207	278	220	705
Housing Authority	*Tracey L. Thompson (Writein)	5	8	4	17
5 years	Donna L. DeRoin (Writein)	0	2	0	2
	Sundry Writeins	6	4	8	18
	Blanks	196	264	208	668
	Total	207	278	220	705
Board of Health	*Roger M. Bonsall	93	141	103	337
3 years	Gary R. Racicot	67	80	74	221
	Sundry Writeins	1	0	1	2
	Blanks	46	57	42	145
	Total	207	278	220	705
Councilor- Hampshire Council of Governments	*William R. Barnett (Writein)	5	16	22	43
1 year	Sundry Writeins	3	4	1	8
	Blanks	199	258	197	654
	Total	207	278	220	705

Votes cast on
5/15/2000

207 278 220 705

(8.90% voted)

Democrat	750	795	681	2226
Republican	378	449	475	1302
Libertarian	10	3	15	28
Unenrolled	1408	1528	1412	4348
Others	4	3	6	13
Totals	2550	2778	2589	7917

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY - September 19, 2000 - DEMOCRAT

Name	Office		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Edward M. Kennedy	Senator in Congress		24	37	18	79
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	5	3	0	8
		Total	29	40	18	87
John W. Olver	Representative in Congress		25	36	18	79
	(First District)	Blanks	4	4	0	8
	(Vote for One)	Total	29	40	18	87
Dennis P. McManus	Councillor		18	31	11	60
	(Seventh District)	Blanks	11	9	7	27
	(Vote for One)	Total	29	40	18	87
Stephen M. Brewer	Senator in Gen. Court		25	40	15	80
	(Worc.Hampd,Hamps,Fr.Dis t.)	Blanks	4	0	3	7
	(Vote for One)	Total	29	40	18	87
No candidate (Prec.B only)	Representative in Gen. Ct. (1st Hampden Dist.) (Vote for One)		0	0	0	0
Thomas M. Petrolati	(7 th Hampden Dist.)		27	0	17	44
(Prec.A&C only)	(Vote for One)	Blanks	2	40	1	43
		Total	29	40	18	87
Harry Jekanowski, Jr.	Clerk of Courts		20	35	15	70
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	9	5	3	17
	(Vote for One)	Total	29	40	18	87
Marianne L. Donohue	Register of Deeds		22	31	15	68
	(Hampshire District)	Blanks	7	9	3	19
	(Vote for One)	Total	29	40	18	87

STATE PRIMARY - September 19, 2000 - REPUBLICAN

Name	Office	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Jack E. Robinson, III	Senator in Congress	10	17	24	51
Carla Howell(Writein)	(Vote for One)	0	0	2	2
	Blanks	1	4	2	7
	Total	11	21	28	60
Peter J. Abair	Representative in Congress	10	20	26	56
T.Petrolati(Writein)	(First District)	0	1	0	1
	(Vote for One)	1	0	2	3
	Blanks	1	0	2	3
	Total	11	21	28	60
No Candidate	Councillor	0	0	0	0
D.Pinciak(Writein)	(Seventh District)	1	0	0	1
	(Vote for One)	10	21	28	59
	Blanks	10	21	28	59
	Total	11	21	28	60
No Candidate	Senator in Gen. Court	0	0	0	0
	(Worc.Hampd,Hamps,Fr.Dis t.)	11	21	28	60
	(Vote for One)	11	21	28	60
	Total	11	21	28	60
Reed V. Hillman (Prec.B only)	Representative in Gen. Ct. (1st Hampden Dist.) (Vote for One)	0	21	0	21
William E. Johnson T.Petrolati(Writein) (Prec.A&C only)	(7 th Hampden Dist.) (Vote for One)	8 0	0 0	24 2	32 2
	Blanks	3	0	2	5
	Total	11	21	28	60
No Candidate	Clerk of Courts (Hampshire County) (Vote for One)	0 11	0 21	0 28	0 60
	Total	11	21	28	60
No Candidate	Register of Deeds (Hampshire District) (Vote for One)	0 0	0 0	0 1	0 1
D.Minney(Writein)		11	21	27	59
	Blanks	11	21	27	59
	Total	11	21	28	60

STATE PRIMARY- SEPTEMBER 19, 2000 - LIBERTARIAN

Name	Office	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Carla A. Howell	Senator in Congress	0	0	0	0
Blanks		0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	0

No candidates for any other office; no votes in this party

Registered voters in Belchertown

	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Democrat	767	793	706	2266
Republican	378	445	479	1302
Libertarian	12	8	18	38
Unenrolled	1436	1556	1436	4428
Others	4	3	6	13
Totals	2597	2805	2645	8047

Voted 9/19/00

	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Democrat	29	40	18	87
Republican	11	21	28	60
	40	61	46	147

1.8% voted

Attest: William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2000

Polls opened at 7 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. in all Precincts (A, B & C)

Office	Name	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Electors of President & Vice President (Vote for One)					
Browne and Olivier	Libertarian	11	22	8	41
Buchanan and Higgins, Sr.	Reform Party	2	6	5	13
Bush and Cheney	Republican	608	716	710	2034
Gore and Lieberman	Democratic	997	1085	1013	3095
Hagelin and Tompkins	Unenrolled	1	2	3	6
Nader and LaDuke	Mass Green Party	291	174	206	671
Sundry Writeins		5	1	1	7
	Blanks	13	25	12	50
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Senator in Congress (Vote for One)					
Edward M. Kennedy	Democratic	1248	1318	1263	3829
Carla A. Howell	Libertarian	171	166	182	519
Jack E. Robinson, III	Republican	347	402	381	1130
Dale E. Friedgen	Unenrolled	16	25	9	50
Philip Hyde, III	Timesizing Not Downsizing	8	1	8	17
Philip F. Lawler	Constitution Party	36	39	40	115
Sundry Writeins		2	0	1	3
	Blanks	100	80	74	254
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Representative in Congress (First District) (Vote for One)					
John W. Olver	Democratic	1289	1342	1251	3882
Peter J. Abair	Republican	535	590	621	1746
Robert L. Potvin	Unenrolled	29	31	25	85
Sundry Writeins		1	2	1	4
	Blanks	74	66	60	200
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Councillor (Vote for One) (Seventh District)					
Dennis P. McManus	Democratic	1296	1430	1334	4060
Sundry Writeins		8	3	5	16
	Blanks	624	598	619	1841
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Senator in General Court

(Vote for One)

(Worc., Hampden, Hampshire
& Fr. Dist)

Stephen M. Brewer

Democratic

1420 1587 1458 4465

Sundry Writeins

3 4 3 10

Blanks

505 440 497 1442

Total

1928 2031 1958 5917

Representative in General

Court (Vote for One)

(First Hampden

District)(Prec. B only)

Reed V. Hillman

Republican

N/A 1435 N/A 1435

Sundry Writeins

N/A 4 N/A 4

Blanks

N/A 592 N/A 592

Total

N/A 2031 N/A 2031

Representative in General

Court (Vote for One)

(7th Hampden District)(Prec.

A & C)

Thomas M. Petrolati

Democratic

1091 N/A 1072 2163

William E. Johnson

Republican

654 N/A 750 1404

Sundry Writeins

1 N/A 1 2

Blanks

182 N/A 135 317

Total

1928 N/A 1958 3886

Clerk of Courts (Vote for
One)

(Hampshire County)

Harry Jekanowski, Jr.

Democratic

1349 1451 1366 4166

Sundry Writeins

1 0 3 4

Blanks

578 580 589 1747

Total

1928 2031 1958 5917

Register of Deeds (Vote for
One)

(Hampshire District)

Marianne L. Donohue

Democratic

1321 1441 1353 4115

Sundry Writeins

3 1 3 7

Blanks

604 589 602 1795

Total

1928 2031 1958 5917

Regional Tech. School
Committee

(Vote for One)				
(Pathfinder (4 yrs)				
Belchertown				
Judith C. Dudek	1331	1491	1378	4200
Sundry Writeins	3	0	3	6
Blanks	594	540	577	1711
Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Regional Tech. School				
Committee				
(Vote for One)				
(Pathfinder (4 yrs) Monson				
Barbara L. Beaulieu	1205	1348	1248	3801
Sundry Writeins	1	0	2	3
Blanks	722	683	708	2113
Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Regional Tech. School				
Committee				
(Vote for One)				
(Pathfinder (4 yrs) New				
Braintree				
Geraldine Reavey	1163	1291	1215	3669
Sundry Writeins	1	0	3	4
Blanks	764	740	740	2244
Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Regional Tech. School				
Committee				
(Vote for One)				
(Pathfinder (4 yrs) Palmer				
David Droz	1171	1294	1209	3674
Sundry Writeins	1	0	2	3
Blanks	756	737	747	2240
Totals	1928	2031	1958	5917

Regional Tech. School				
Committee				
(Vote for One)				
(Pathfinder (4 yrs) Granby				
No Candidate	0	0	0	0
Peter Gaj (Writein)	0	1	2	3
Judith Dudek (Writein)	1	0	1	2
Ed Parker (Writein)	2	0	0	2
Sundry Writeins	17	3	7	27
Blanks	1908	2027	1948	5883
Totals	1928	2031	1958	5917

Question #1 (Proposed Amendment to the Constitution) (Re: Redistricting)	Yes	1345	1270	1322	3937
	No	476	626	525	1627
	Blanks	107	135	111	353
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917
Question #2 (Proposed Amendment to the Constitution) (Re: Felons Voting)	Yes	1157	1302	1325	3784
	No	708	650	565	1923
	Blanks	63	79	68	210
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917
Question #3 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: Dog Racing)	Yes	1138	1025	1064	3227
	No	730	931	850	2511
	Blanks	60	75	44	179
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917
Question #4 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: Income Tax Cut)	Yes	947	1098	1069	3114
	No	915	849	829	2593
	Blanks	66	84	60	210
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917
Question #5 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: Health Care)	Yes	937	962	1022	2921
	No	886	959	843	2688
	Blanks	105	110	93	308
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917
Question #6 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: Toll & Excise Tax Credit)	Yes	689	774	778	2241
	No	1157	1156	1103	3416
	Blanks	82	101	77	260
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917
Question #7 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: Charitable Tax Deduction)	Yes	1274	1266	1301	3841
	No	557	650	571	1778
	Blanks	97	115	86	298
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917
Question #8 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: Drug Laws)	Yes	867	653	738	2258
	No	980	1272	1145	3397
	Blanks	81	106	75	262
	Total	1928	2031	1958	5917

Registered voters in Belchertown

	Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Democrat	790	806	738	2334
Republican	385	450	483	1318
Libertarian	14	9	19	42
Unenrolled	1500	158	149	4574
Others	7	6	9	22
Totals	2696	285	273	8290
		5	9	

Voted 11/7/00

	Prec.A
Prec. A	1928
Prec. B	2031
Prec. C	1958
	5917

71% voted

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held March 27, 2000 at Chestnut Hill Community
School Auditorium FY00

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Registered voters present - 115 (Quorum required - 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$203,000 to the Schools #9000 Account for special education costs related to the FY2000 Belchertown School District's Budget. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$103,000 for the removal of underground fuel storage tanks located at the High School, Cold Spring School, Franklin School, and the School District's Central Office (the former Center School). (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$33,000 to the Schools #9000 Account for reimbursement of Medicaid payments.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$35,500 to the EMS Department for:

- Pagers
 - Lease payment on new ambulance
- (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$5,900 for a telephone system at Clapp Memorial Library. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$60,000 for the construction of the water line on Stadler Street to service the New High School. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Maturing Debt Account the sum of \$7,500 to match a grant obtained by the Tri-Lakes Association for the purpose of chemically treating Lake Arcadia in order to control the invasive non-native species of weeds which currently cover one-third of the Lake. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 8 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$353.46 for the payment of the following unpaid bills of a prior year:

- Crime Tech, Inc. - \$254.70
- Office Depot, Inc. - \$98.76

(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

9/10ths required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$50,000 for computer software and equipment. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$14,200 for:

- Carpeting for Lawrence Memorial Hall - \$5,200.00
- Commercial Mower for the Maintenance Department - \$9,000.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$25,000 to the Department of Public Works for a vehicle replacement.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 On the motion - To appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$5,000 for repairs to the community playground, (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous No Action)

Article 13 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$32,000 for sprinkler systems in Nursery Building I and Nursery Building II (Teen Center). (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$1,200 for the installation of sub-electrical meters at Parcel A. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$7,000 for an operating budget for Nursery Building I. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 16 Voted to appropriate from the Maturing Debt Account the sum of \$15,000 to the Law Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to appropriate from the Maturing Debt Account the sum of \$5,000 to the Snow Removal Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to appropriate from the Maturing Debt Account the sum of \$15,000 to the Veterans' Benefit Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to authorize the Treasurer to reserve interest earnings on investments of capital project funds to be used for the payment of interest due on said loans and bonds of the capital projects and further authorize the Treasurer to expend such funds for the interest on the bonds as deemed necessary.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted to appropriate from the Sewer Department Wage Account the sum of \$7,200, from the Sewer Department Maturing Debt Account the sum of \$6,777 and from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash the sum of \$35,424 for a total appropriation of \$49,401 for Sewer Expenses. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to appropriate from the Computer Director Salary Account the sum of \$1,100, the Computer Director Wage Account the sum of \$2,000 and from the Unemployment Account the sum of \$3,000 for a total appropriation of \$6,100 to the Computer Department Expense Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 **CITIZEN PETITION**

Voted to direct the Selectmen and/or the EDIC, as appropriate, to move forward immediately with efforts to acquire the State School land south of Route 202 (known as parcels D & E), those parcels being without buildings and not being subject to hazardous waste clean up, and within one year develop "Business Park(s)", properly zoned, including a location for a new court house and other similar facilities, and designed to encourage other prospective clean, off street, businesses to locate in Belchertown, in order to achieve the goal of an expanded, non-residential, Belchertown tax base, and

Further, voted that the above named continue to work with due diligence, in cooperation with the State, toward the Town's acquisition of the remaining land, with buildings, north of Route 202 (known as parcel B) in a longer range cooperative effort to accomplish the same goal, and

Further, voted that the Selectmen be charged and authorized to take such actions as may become necessary to effect the sense of this article, in an expeditious manner.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a unanimous yes vote ended debate.)

Article 23 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$25,000 for a telephone system for Lawrence Memorial Hall. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 24 On the article - To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL c. 44, § 53E½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of maintenance of the buildings and grounds on Parcel A, which fund shall be credited with receipts from rental monies from the cell tower at the Police Station on said Parcel A, said funds to be expended under the authority and direction of the Town Administrator, such expenditure not to exceed \$20,000,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous No Action)

Article 25 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$50,000 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$260,000 to purchase a new Class A Fire Engine/Pumper and equipment. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 27 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000 to refurbish Fire Department apparatus. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 8:42 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 8, 2000 at Belchertown High School
gymnasium FY00

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:26 p.m.

Registered voters present - 75(Quorum required - 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to notify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through its Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, that it has no current interest in the parcels described in the plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, prepared for Roger Bowler", dated March 10, 2000, (the "Plan"), and to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown of a fee simple interest in the parcel described below, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine appropriate, for highway purposes, said parcels of land being owned by Roger Bowler, shown as Parcels A and C on the Plan, said Plan being on file with the Town Clerk. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, authorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of Council on Aging Programs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from these programs and shall be under the control of the Council on Aging, such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate from the General Insurance Account the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of a computer, software and printer for the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Finance Committee by unanimous vote urged rejection)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate from the New Police Station Building Account the sum of \$10,000.00 for repairs to the community playground. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 5 Voted to appropriate from the General Insurance Account the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Injured on Duty Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to appropriate from the New Senior Center Building Account the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Teen Center Building Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the New Police Station Building Account the sum of \$4,000.00 to the Town Garage. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$569,400.00 for extending the Town's sewerage system by constructing and equipping a pumping station and laying sewer lines along Springfield Road and throughout Pine Valley Plantation and to meet said appropriation authorize the town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8 (15) of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, each issue of such bonds or notes to mature in not more than thirty (30) years from its date, provided that the amount of such bonds or notes actually issued shall be reduced by the amount of any Federal or State grants that may be received for such purpose prior to the sale of such bonds or notes, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for, accept and expend any such Federal or State grants that may be available for the purposes stated above. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

2/3ths required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:50 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS**

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 8, 2000 at Belchertown High School
gymnasium FY01

Moderator : Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:53 p.m. (at conclusion of Special Town Meeting)

Registered voters present - 122 (Quorum required - 75)

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Boy Scouts led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem was sung by Ann Oey.

Selectman Michael Reardon presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Dan Fitzpatrick.

Selectmen Ronald Aponte presented the Employee of the Year Award to Steven Williams.

Selectmen Gerald Grasso presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Harry Brougham.

Article 1 Nominated and elected Linda Barron and Suzanne Bay as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman funds, each for one year; and Kenneth Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following: (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

Assessors	\$9.29
Board of Health Members	\$6.36

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$123,954.00 for the following items: (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

Computer Equipment	\$40,000.00
Assessors Vehicle and Vertical File	8,300.00
Master Plan - Phase 2	10,000.00
GIS Implementation	25,000.00
Fire Department Water Hole Cleaning	3,500.00
Fire Emergency Responders	5,000.00
Fire Department Vehicle	6,000.00
EMS Medical Supplies	4,500.00
Renovations to Dog Pound	5,000.00
DPW Hydraulic Press/Generator	2,200.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall PVC Vertical Mini Blinds	1,670.00
Finnerty House Renovations	1,800.00
Teen Center Building Renovations	4,500.00
Tennis Court Repair	4,000.00

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$22,000.00 to the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,118,112.00, and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account for a total appropriation of \$1,120,112.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,763,959.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,145,240.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$787,476.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$770,016.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$52,275.00, and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise Free Cash in the treasury the sum of \$167,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$219,275.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,483.00, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$400,000.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Free Cash the sum of \$318,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$871,483.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$397,026.00 to the Human Services departments each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$465,128.00, and appropriate from recreation off-set receipts the sum of \$45,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$510,128.00 for Culture and Recreation departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$381,103.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,247,986.00 for Pensions and Insurance accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,448.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,105,734.00 to the Interest and Debt accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,636.00 for Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$20,000.00, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a total appropriation of \$25,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of a Senior Center Transportation program, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the transportation program and shall be under the control of the Director of the Senior

Center; such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of firefighters' protective clothing and equipment purchase and maintenance, which fund shall be credited from receipts from the open air burning permit fees, and shall be under the control of the Fire Chief; which fund shall be credited with receipts from the open air burning permit fees, and shall be under the control of the Fire Chief; such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 15 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of providing a concession at the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited from receipts from the Town Beach Concession, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Director; such expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of Council on Aging Programs, which fund shall be credited from receipts from these programs and shall be under the control of the Council on Aging; such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of land easements on behalf of the Town without a Town meeting vote provided no appropriation of funds is necessary for the acquisition, and further authorize to grant nonexclusive easements which the board of Assessors has determined to have a fair market value of less than \$25,000.00 or which are less than 10,000 square feet in size without a Town Meeting vote. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 18 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by adding a new article to Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as described below:

ARTICLE XIV

Business and Technology Park

§ 145-72. Development method; where permitted.

- A. This article permits a Business and Technology Park subdivision by special permit.
- B. The Planning Board is the special permit granting authority.
- C. A Business and Technology Park subdivision has many features similar to a *cluster* or *planned unit development* as defined in MGL c. 40A, § 9, though it is not one of those types of development, which require residential development. It does contain elements such as open space, buffers separating it from adjacent property, and possibly lot dimensions that vary from those otherwise permitted in Article V of this chapter.
- D. A Business and Technology Park subdivision may be allowed via special permit by the Planning Board in the following zoning districts: B2 - General Business; I - Industrial; and LI - Light Industrial.
- E. The development allowed under this article shall conform to Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown.

§ 145-73. Purpose.

- A. The purposes of providing for a Business and Technology Park are:
 - (1) To provide flexibility for developers seeking to provide a business environment;
 - (2) To increase options for non-residential land uses;
 - (3) To provide expeditious construction permitting for individual business sites;
 - (4) To provide business areas buffered from surrounding properties and ways;
 - (5) To allow the relatively intensive use of land in an alternative pattern of development while maintaining existing character and by which the following benefits and objectives are likely to be attained, as described in Subsection B.
- B. Benefits and Objectives of a Business and Technology Park:
 - (1) Improved business and employment opportunities in Belchertown.

- (2) Economical and efficient street, utility and public facility installation, construction and maintenance through creative design.
- (3) Protection by a wooded buffer.
- (4) Efficient use of land in harmony with its natural features.
- (5) Preservation of water bodies and supplies, wetlands, woodlands, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, sites and structures of historical importance and areas of scenic beauty.
- (6) Preservation of open spaces for active and passive recreational use, including the possible provision of neighborhood parks, playgrounds, and conservation areas.

§ 145-74. Administration.

- A. Special permit granting authority. The Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority as authorized under this article and Article XIII of this chapter, MGL c. 40A, § 9 and 11 and MGL c. 41, § 81I, as amended.
- B. Relation to Subdivision Control Law. To facilitate timely processing, promote better communication and avoid misunderstanding, applicants are encouraged to submit conceptual materials for informal review by the Planning Board prior to formal application for a special permit. These materials can include alternative Business and Technology Park designs. These materials may be submitted at the same time as the preliminary subdivision plan.
 - (1) A Business and Technology Park shall be developed as a subdivision as defined under the Subdivision Control Law (MGL c. 41, § 81K to 81GG), and is subject to Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown. Application for a Business and Technology Park special permit shall be accompanied by a site plan with all appropriate information as required on a definitive subdivision plan. Simultaneous submission of a special permit application and a definitive subdivision plan will expedite the decision-making process.
 - (2) Planning Board approval for a special permit for a Business and Technology Park under this article shall not substitute compliance with the Subdivision Control Law (MGL c. 41, § 81K to 81GG) nor oblige the Planning Board to approve any related definitive plan for a subdivision nor reduce any time periods for consideration under the law.
- C. Special permit submission requirements.
 - (1) Each Business and Technology Park special permit application and plan shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements for a definitive

subdivision plan as described in Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, and each Business and Technology Park application and plan shall conform to the submission requirements established under §145-69 of this chapter.

- (2) Each Business and Technology Park application and plan shall provide the following additional information:
 - (a) The location and acreage of areas to be devoted to specific uses.
 - (b) Written approval from the appropriate governing body certifying the potential to connect to a public sewage system and a public water supply.
 - (c) The organization which the applicant proposes to form to own and maintain the common and open space land, including forms and plans to be used to organize the same.
 - (d) Copies of all proposed covenants, agreements and other restrictions which the applicant proposes, in draft guideline form, not in final legal form.
 - (e) Proposed gross density of entire development tract.
 - (f) Any and all other information from the subdivision regulations of the Town of Belchertown that the Planning Board may require to assist in determining whether the proposed Business and Technology Park meets the objectives and standards as set forth in this article.

D. Review and approval process.

- (1) After notice and public hearing in accordance with MGL c. 40A, § 9, as amended, the Planning Board may, after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Director of Public Works, Town Engineer, and any other reviewing authority, grant a special permit, provided that the conditions and standards of this article have been adequately met.
- (2) A special permit granted under this article shall lapse within 24 months if construction has not begun or is not continuing to proceed, except for a good cause shown with an extension approved by the Planning Board. An extension must be applied for 90 days prior to the expiration of the special permit.
- (3) In addition to receiving a special permit, a Business and Technology Park shall be required to secure subdivision approval as set forth in MGL c. 41,

§81K to 81GG, as amended (the Subdivision Control Law). A granting of a special permit by the Planning Board shall not be deemed to constitute subdivision approval.

E. Fees.

- (1) Same as the current special permit filing fee.
- (2) Compliance with the Town of Belchertown Subdivision Fee Schedule.
- (3) The applicant shall pay for all required town engineering review, hearing notices, and legal services (review time).

§ 145-75. Dimensional Standards.

Lots and buildings in a Business and Technology Park shall meet the following dimensional standards, notwithstanding the requirements of Article V of this chapter.

Minimum lot size	20,000 square feet
Minimum frontage	100 feet
Maximum lot coverage	80%
Minimum front setback	30 feet
Minimum rear setback	20 feet
Minimum side setback	15 feet
Minimum lot width	100 feet
Maximum building height	60 feet

§ 145-76. Development Design.

A. Permitted uses and standards.

- (1) A single building designed for business use, which could be divided into condominium ownership, may be constructed in a Business and Technology Park.
- (2) The development tract for which a Business and Technology Park is proposed shall be in single ownership or single control at the time of application and shall not be less than 30 acres, and shall have access to public water and sewer. If public water and sewer are not present at the site, the applicant must show how these will be brought to the site at no expense to the town.

B. Density. Lot size shall be no less than 20,000 square feet in size. Public sewer and water connections to, all lots are required unless exempted by the special permit granting authority (Planning Board), with approval from the Board of Health. The Planning Board may waive this requirement in unusual circumstances, with approval from the Board of Health.

§ 145-77. Use standards.

Schedule of uses permitted by right within a Business and Technology Park.

1	Small store (under 2500 sq. ft.)	28	Roller skating rink
2	Medium store (2500 - 5000 sq. ft.)	29	For-profit childcare facilities
3	Large store (More than 5000 sq. ft.)	30	Amusement arcade
4	Convenience store	31	Indoor sports or membership fitness club
5	Service businesses (under 2500 sq. ft.)	32	Public parking area or garage
6	Service businesses (2500 - 5000 sq. ft.)	33	Meeting hall, place of assembly, for-profit club
7	Service businesses (More than 5000 sq. ft.)	34	Retail lumber store, screened at ground level
8	Financial and professional (under 2500 sq. ft.)	35	Public rental self-storage units
9	Financial and professional (2500 - 5000 sq. ft.)	36	Scientific research, development & manufacturing
10	Financial and professional (More than 5000 sq. ft.)	37	Light manufacturing, fabrication & assembly
11	Clinics and Health Care (under 2500 sq. ft.)	38	Non-profit educational uses
12	Clinics and Health Care (More than 2500 sq. ft.)	39	Municipal uses
13	Inns and Small Lodging Houses	40	For-profit educational uses
14	Motels (up to 25 units)	41	Religious uses
15	Motels (more than 25 units)	42	Hospital
16	Hotels or conference centers	43	Private club, not for profit
17	Restaurants seating under 75 persons	44	Parks and recreation facilities
18	Restaurants seating more than 75 persons	45	Museums, galleries, etc.
19	Wholesale business - roofed (under 2500 sq. ft.)	46	Library
20	Wholesale business - roofed (over 2500 sq. ft.)	47	Art gallery or craft center
21	Veterinary office/hospital (small animal)	48	Nursing home, assisted living, elderly day care
22	Plumbing, electrical or carpentry shop	49	Laboratory, research facility (under 2500 sq. ft.)
23	Printing, binding or publishing shop (under 2500 sq. ft.)	50	Laboratory, research facility (over 5000 sq. ft.)
24	Printing, binding or publishing shop (over 2500 sq. ft.)	51	Government offices (under 2500 sq. ft.)
25	Theatre, cinema, except outdoor cinema	52	Government offices (over 2500 sq. ft.)
26	Funeral establishment	53	Child care facilities
27	Bowling alley	54	Court house and associated facilities

§ 145-78. Other conditions.

1. All lots in a Business and Technology Park must front on ways contained within the park.
2. Signs.
 - (a) The maximum allowed size for an individual sign in a Business and Technology Park is 80 square feet.
 - (b) Each business in a Business and Technology Park is allowed up to 80 square feet of signage.
 - (c) Each land use on a lot in a Business and Technology Park is allowed up to 80 square feet of signage.
 - (d) Within a Business and Technology Park, intersection directional signs may be erected with arrows indicating the businesses reached via the cross street, with each business sign not exceeding 6 inches high by 36 inches long, including the arrow.

3. **Parking.** Once the streets in a Business and Technology Park become public ways, on-street parking may be allowed in a Business and Technology Park with approval from the police department, the fire department, and the Board of Selectmen. When on-street parking is allowed, the number of off-street spaces required per parcel may be reduced. The amount of this reduction in off-street parking spaces is equal to the number of on-street spaces abutting the parcel's frontage. A Business and Technology Park is exempt from Article VI, § 145-23(D3) regarding vehicles backing onto a public way. Where one-way streets are permitted, angle on-street parking is permitted.

§ 145-79. Open space land.

A. Open Space in a Business and Technology Park shall:

- (1) Include buffers of at least 30 feet wide on all external boundaries and along all existing public ways;
- (2) Include a buffer of at least 50 feet wide along the boundary of any directly abutting residential zone;
- (3) Be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of lots within the development. Ownership shares shall convey with conveyance of the lots.

- B.** A developer of a Business and Technology Park shall be strongly encouraged, but not required, to incorporate additional recreational or open space beyond the required buffer as an amenity.
- C.** The required 30-foot and 50-foot perimeter buffers shall satisfy the requirements of Chapter 270, Article VI, § 270-59, A of the Code of the Town of Belchertown for subdivision land open space.
- D.** A restriction enforceable by the Town of Belchertown shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state, including agricultural, forestry or recreational uses, and not be built upon or developed for accessory uses, such as parking or roadways.
- E.** The location, size and shape of open space shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board after recommendations have been received from the Conservation Commission. The required buffer counts as open space.
- F.** The Planning Board may permit the following within the designated open space land:
 - (1) Drainage may be allowed in the open space only if approved during the subdivision approval and special permitting stages by the Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works and Planning Board. Percolation of

storm water is strongly encouraged to purify the water and to recharge any aquifer.

(2) Recreational facilities.

- G. No more than 40% of the open space land, excluding the required 30-foot buffer, shall constitute wetland. The term "wetland" shall be limited to the definition of wetland as specified under MGL c. 131, § 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, as amended. The Belchertown Conservation Commission shall determine where the wetlands, if any, are located on the site.

§ 145-80. Amendments; recording of plan; covenant.

- A. Any special permit granted by the Planning Board for a Business and Technology Park under the provision of this article shall incorporate by reference the overall development plan and development schedule submitted by the developer with the application. Minor amendments to such special permit may be granted by the Planning Board upon application and for good cause shown but without necessity of a public hearing; provided, however, that any of the following shall be considered a major amendment and shall be acted upon under the procedures applicable to the initial approval of a Business and Technology Park:

(1) Reduction in the amount of open space land or any change in the general location of the open space land as provided in the permit;

(2) Any change in the general layout of the ways as provided in the permit; or

- B. Prior to the development or sale of any lot within a Business and Technology Park, all lots to be so developed shall be shown on a plan recorded in the Registry of Deeds or registered with the Recorder of the Land Court, and a covenant or other instrument satisfactory to the Planning Board shall have been executed assuring the open space land or the recreational use of lands so designated in the application.

§ 145-81. Severability.

A determination that any specific portion of this Article XIV is invalid shall not render any other part thereof invalid. (Endorsed by Planning Board, unanimous 5-0, on 4/25/00)

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of the parcels of land known as Parcels D and E of the former Belchertown State School, also known on the Town Assessors' maps as Map 250, Lot 39 and Map 250, Lot 22, from Ag-A, Primary Agricultural, to B-2, General Business. (Endorsed by Planning Board, unanimous 5-0, on 4/25/00)

Article 20 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, as follows:

- By deleting in its entirety Schedule of Uses, chapter 145, article III, section 145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, and by substituting therefore the proposed new Schedule of Uses, chapter 145, article III, section 145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board;
- By adding the following new definitions to chapter 145, article I, section 145-2, Definitions, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, to be inserted in alphabetical order:

BED AND BREAKFAST -- A building in which up to five rooms may provide overnight guest accommodations for compensation. Lodging includes breakfast and may include other meals available to registered lodgers only. The owner or manager must reside on the premises.

BOARDING HOUSE -- A building or part thereof containing up to twelve rooms, without individual kitchen facilities, occupied or to be occupied for sleeping purposes for compensation. Same as LODGING HOUSE.

CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, "CCRC": A development that is part housing complex, part activity center and part health-care system for elderly persons. It is comprised of housing and associated services operated as a coordinated unit. Services usually include full medical and nursing services, and may include other amenities, such as educational and recreational activities, dining accommodations, shopping and banking facilities, beautician and barber facilities, and transportation services exclusively for the residents of the facility.

HOTEL -- A building or part thereof which provides sleeping accommodation and which may also contain commercial uses and such additional facilities or services as a restaurant, a dining room, room service or public convention rooms.

INN -- A building in which more than five but not more than fifteen guest rooms are used to provide or offer overnight accommodations not more than thirty consecutive days in length to transient guests for compensation, which may include the serving of meals to guests, and a conference area, as accessory uses, all not to exceed, in the aggregate, a building capacity of fifty guests.

LODGING HOUSE -- A building or part thereof containing up to twelve rooms, without individual kitchen facilities, occupied or to be occupied for sleeping purposes for compensation. Same as BOARDING HOUSE.

MOTEL -- A hotel having an outside entrance for each sleeping unit and provided with automobile parking spaces directly accessible to each such unit;

- By deleting the definition of Dwelling Unit (chapter 145, article I, section 145-2, Definitions, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown) in its entirety and by substituting therefore the following definition of Dwelling Unit:

DWELLING UNIT: A structure containing, under one roof and within exterior abutting walls, one or more rooms providing complete living facilities for one or more individuals, including equipment for cooking or provisions for same, and including room or rooms for living, sleeping, eating and sanitation.

A. **SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING:** a structure containing one dwelling unit.

B. **TWO-UNIT DWELLING:** a structure containing two dwelling units.

C. **MULTIPLE-UNIT DWELLING:** a structure containing three or more dwelling units.

D. **DWELLING UNIT, ATTACHED:** a single-unit dwelling unit connected on one side to an adjacent single-unit dwelling unit by a common wall as described in Article 2, S.200.0 of the State Building Code 780 CMR.

E. **DWELLING UNIT, DETACHED:** a single-unit or two-unit dwelling unit which stands alone and has no common walls or walls in common with an adjacent single-unit or two-unit dwelling unit or its accessory structure(s) if any.

F. **DWELLING UNIT, SPECIAL PURPOSE RESIDENTIAL:** a dwelling unit which is used for institutional purposes to include childcare, elderly housing, emergency shelter, handicapped housing, and rehabilitation corrections housing. This definition does not apply to congregate living arrangements among non-related persons with disabilities, as defined by any applicable federal and/or state law and/or regulations. (Endorsed by Planning Board unanimously on 3/28/00)

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to appropriate \$4,047.48 from the First Night Committee Account to the Holiday Lighting Committee Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to authorize the Conservation Commission to evaluate properties and recommend the acquisition of property or property interests to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of open space, conservation, recreation and related purposes; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift or by eminent domain, only with an additional Town Meeting vote, property and property interests for said purposes and to expend from the Conservation Fund up to \$30,000.00 for the acquisition of such property and property interests, including acquisition costs associated therewith; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town, to effect said acquisitions; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid or grants and to accept and expend any private grants or funds available for said acquisitions. (Endorsed by Finance Committee on 5/2/00)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, an amendment was passed by a majority which added the phrase "only with an additional Town Meeting vote" in line 5 after the word 'domain'.)

Article 23 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Conservation Fund for the purpose of acquiring property and property interests for open space, conservation, recreation and related purposes including the acquisition costs associated therewith. (Finance Committee took no action)

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

- Under "Section 2. Coverage"
 - In paragraph one, line three, following the words "Town Administrator" insert "Town Accountant"
- Under "Section 5. Hours of Work and Overtime"

- In paragraph “A)” remove the words “Full-Time Exempt” following the words Management/Professional.
- Under “Section 8. Classification and Compensation”
 - **Remove** in its entirety Paragraph “G) Pegged” Rate Schedule Hourly”
 - **Remove** in its entirety Paragraph “H) Fire Service (Hourly)”
- Under Appendix A: Town Classification-Compensation Plan, 1) Management/Professional:
 - **Remove** Town Clerk line
 - **Insert** Conservation Administrator
 - **Adjust** ranges to read as follows:

• Director of Public Works	\$50,000-\$60,000
• Fire Chief	\$50,000-\$60,000
• Library Director	\$45,000-\$55,000
• Director of Computing	\$45,000-\$55,000
• Town Planner	\$45,000-\$55,000
• Police Lieutenant	\$44,323-\$55,403
• Conservation Administrator	\$40,000-\$50,000
• Town Treasurer-Collector	\$40,000-\$50,000
• Building Inspector	\$40,000-\$50,000
• Director of Assessments	\$40,000-\$50,000
• Senior Center Director	\$35,000-\$45,000
• Recreation Director	\$35,000-\$45,000
 - **Remove** in its entirety “2) Full-Time Exempt”
 - **Re-title and Re-Number** “3) Full-Time Non-Exempt” to read “2) Classified Non-Exempt Employees” and replace position titles and grade levels with the following:

• Building Custodian	2
• Council on Aging Van Driver	2
• Senior Center Aide	2
• Nutritional Aide	2
• Council on Aging Receptionist	
Dispatch Supervisor	3
• Department Clerk	3
• Highway Laborer	3
• Maintenance Laborer	3

• Transfer Station Laborer	3
• WWTP Laborer	3
• Accounting Clerk	4
• Assistant Children's Librarian	4
• Assistant Cook	4
• Dispatch/Clerk	4
• Department Assistant I	5
• Heavy Equipment Operator I	5
• Library Technician	5
• Maintenance Worker	5
• Senior Dispatcher	5
• Social Services Aide	5
• Technical Administrative Assistant	5
• Transfer Station Supervisor	5
• Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police/Dispatch Supervisor	6
• Aquatic Coordinator	6
• Benefits Coordinator	6
• Department Assistant II	6
• Department Assistant/Financial	6
• Elder Nutrition Program Administrator	6
• Fire Department Administrative Assistant	6
• Heavy Equipment Operator II	6
• Highway/Mechanic	6
• Social Day Care Coordinator	6
• Social Services/Outreach Coordinator	6
• Teen Center Coordinator	6
• WWTP Operator I	6
• Director of Emergency Medical Services	7
• Assistant Town Clerk	7
• Assistant Treasurer/Collector	7
• Field Reviewer	7
• Fire Prevention and Safety Officer	7
• WWTP Operator II	7
• Assistant Building Inspector	7
• Assistant Town Accountant	7
• Administrative Assistant	7
• Children's Librarian	8
• Head of Circulation and Reference	8
• Highway – Working Foreman	8
• Assistant Computer Director	9
• Highway Division Supervisor	9
• Working Supervisor of Public Buildings	9
• Working Supervisor of Public Grounds	9

- **Renumber** “5) Part-Time Hourly Schedule” to read “4) Part-Time Hourly Schedule”

➤ **Insert** the following positions and ranges in 4) Part-Time Hourly Schedule:

- Council on Aging Nutritionist \$12.00 - \$13.50/hour
- Library Page \$ 6.00 - \$ 8.00/hour
- Meals on Wheels Driver \$ 7.00 - \$ 8.25/hour

➤ **Adjust** the following ranges:

- Secretary/Assistant to Zoning Board of Appeals \$ 6.00 - \$10.46/hour
- Water Safety Instructor Aide \$ 6.00 - \$ 7.75/hour
- Lifeguards (Pool) \$ 6.75 - \$ 7.75/hour
- Lifeguards (Beach) \$ 6.75 - \$ 7.75/hour
- Head Lifeguard (Pool) \$ 7.75 - \$ 8.75/hour
- Swim Team Assistant Coach \$ 8.00 - \$ 9.00/hour
- Swim Team Coach \$10.00 - \$14.00/hour
- Programs Instructor \$10.00 - \$14.00/hour

- **Remove** in its entirety “Appendix B: Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:” and **Replace** with the following:

➤ Appendix B: Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

This salary schedule applies to all classified non-exempt employees. A full-time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) or more hours per week.

WEEKLY – PER HOUR

GRAD E	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9	STEP 10
1	7.21	7.50	7.80	8.11	8.44	8.78	9.13	9.49	9.87	10.26
2	8.65	9.00	9.36	9.73	10.12	10.53	10.95	11.38	11.85	12.32
3	9.52	9.90	10.29	10.70	11.13	11.58	12.04	12.52	13.03	13.54
4	10.46	10.89	11.32	11.77	12.25	12.74	13.25	13.78	14.33	14.90
5	11.52	11.98	12.45	12.96	13.47	14.01	14.57	15.15	15.76	16.39
6	12.67	13.17	13.70	14.24	14.82	15.41	16.03	16.67	17.33	18.03
7	13.94	14.49	15.07	15.68	16.30	16.95	17.63	18.33	19.07	19.83
8	14.63	15.21	15.82	16.46	17.12	17.80	18.51	19.25	20.02	20.83
9	15.36	15.98	16.61	17.28	17.97	18.69	19.44	20.22	21.02	21.87
10	16.13	16.78	17.45	18.15	18.87	19.62	20.41	21.23	22.07	22.96

Employees classified as Management/Professional and Full-Time Exempt shall receive a weekly salary.

- **Remove in its entirety "Appendix C: Salary Range"**
(Endorsed by Finance Committee)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 9:35 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

STEP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	7.11	7.50	7.89	8.28	8.67	9.06	9.45	9.84	10.23	10.62
2	8.28	8.67	9.06	9.45	9.84	10.23	10.62	11.01	11.40	11.79
3	9.45	9.84	10.23	10.62	11.01	11.40	11.79	12.18	12.57	12.96
4	10.62	11.01	11.40	11.79	12.18	12.57	12.96	13.35	13.74	14.13
5	11.79	12.18	12.57	12.96	13.35	13.74	14.13	14.52	14.91	15.30
6	12.96	13.35	13.74	14.13	14.52	14.91	15.30	15.69	16.08	16.47
7	14.13	14.52	14.91	15.30	15.69	16.08	16.47	16.86	17.25	17.64
8	15.30	15.69	16.08	16.47	16.86	17.25	17.64	18.03	18.42	18.81
9	16.47	16.86	17.25	17.64	18.03	18.42	18.81	19.20	19.59	19.98
10	17.64	18.03	18.42	18.81	19.20	19.59	19.98	20.37	20.76	21.15



CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2000 FY 2001

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT.	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ. FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
1-3.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Assessors-Legal Counsel-resolving court tax cases	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
5.	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	30,000.00
6.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	From Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-	-
8.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Sundry Items (15) See A.T.M. Minutes for breakdown	123,954.00	-	-	-	-	123,954.00
10.	To Workers' Comp. Trust Fund	22,000.00	-	-	-	-	22,000.00
11.	Itemized Budgets						
	General Government (Total)	1,120,112.00					
	1. Moderator, Salary	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	2. Bd. of Selectmen, Salary	-	12,600.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	11,316.00	-	-	-	-
	3. Town Administrator, Salary	-	65,100.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	6,950.00	-	-	-	-
	4. Town Accountant/ Admin. Secretary, Salary	-	50,470.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	121,187.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	19,750.00	-	-	-	-
	5. Town Clerk, Salary	-	15,469.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	47,523.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,714.00	-	-	-	-
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary	-	45,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	109,669.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	41,750.00	-	-	-	-

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7.	M.I.S. Dept., Salary	-	45,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	35,495.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	54,995.00	-	-	-	-
8.	Bd of Assessors, Assessors (Board)	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Assessor Salary	-	40,764.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	126,650.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	25,950.00	-	-	-	-
	Field Review Update	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
9.	Law Account, Fees	-	81,300.00	-	-	-	-
10.	Finance Committee, Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	527.00	-	-	-	-
11.	Election & Regis., Salary	-	400.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	11,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	6,900.00	-	-	-	-
12.	Planning Board, Salary	-	45,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	19,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,700.00	-	-	-	-
13.	Bd. of Appeals, Wages	-	3,888.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
14.	Economic Development I.C.,	-	2,500.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	2,500.00	-	-	-	-
15.	Task Force to Broaden Tax Base,	-		-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-		-	-	-	-
16.	Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses	-	1,050.00	-	-	-	-
17.	Conservation Commission, Salary	-	38,000.00	-	2,000.00 (Wetlands Hearing Fees)	-	-
	Wages	-	10,245.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	3,525.00	-	-	-	-
	Public Safety (Total)	1,763,959.00					
18.	Police Dept., Salary	-	114,095.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	945,269.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	163,761.00	-	-	-	-
19.	Ambulance Service, Wages	-	123,972.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	22,300.00	-	-	-	-
20.	Fire Dept., Salary (Chief)	-	50,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Full-time Wages	-	53,554.00	-	-	-	-
	Part-Time Wages	-	70,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	68,275.00	-	-	-	-
21.	Hydrant Service, Expenses	-	18,715.00	-	-	-	-

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22.	Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)	-	1,200.00	-	-	-	-
	Salary (Asst. Dog Officers)	-	600.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	10,976.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	5,310.00	-	-	-	-
23.	Inspection Services, Salary	-	40,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	60,602.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	13,660.00	-	-	-	-
24.	Civil Defense, Wages	-	350.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	1,320.00	-	-	-	-
	Town School Department (Total)	15,145,240.00					
25.	Foundation Spending	-	14,127,344.00	-	-	-	-
	Transport. and Fixed Assets	-	1,017,896.00	-	-	-	-
	Regional School Dept, Pathfinder (Total)	787,476.00					
26.	Pathfinder	-	787,476.00	-	-	-	-
	DPW-Highways (Total)	770,016.00					
27.	DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary	-	50,000.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	391,751.00	-	-	-	-
	Uniforms	-	4,640.00	-	-	-	-
	Expenses	-	750.00	-	-	-	-
28.	DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses	-	4,175.00	-	-	-	-
29.	DPW-Snow Removal, Expenses	-	95,050.00	-	-	-	-
30.	DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses	-	55,700.00	-	-	-	-
32.	DPW-Hired Services, Expenses	-	50,800.00	-	-	-	-
33.	DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	-
34.	DPW-Streets, Expenses	-	67,300.00	-	-	-	-
35.	DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses	-	10,500.00	-	-	-	-
36.	DPW-Town Garage, Expenses	-	9,350.00	-	-	-	-
	Landfill Enterprise Fund (Total)	219,275.00					
37.	Transfer Station, Wages	-	-	-	77,150.00 (Lndfill Ent.Free Cash)	-	-
	Expenses	-	-	-	77,850.00 (Lndfill Ent.Free Cash)	-	-
					52,275.00 (Lndfill rcts.)		
					12,000.00 (Lndfill Ent.Free Cash)		
	Hazardous Waste Day	-	-	-			-
	Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	871,483.00					
38.	Sewer Enterprise Fund, Salary	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Wages	-	-	-	145,000.00 (Sewr Ent.Free Cash)	-	-
	Expenses	-	153,483.00	-	130,219.00 (Sewr Ent.Free Cash)	-	-

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Maturing Debt			-	-	335,110.00 (Sewr Rcts)		-
Maturing Debt Interest			-	-	64,890.00 (Sewr Rcts)		-
					42,781.00 (Sewr Ent. Free Cash)		
Human Services Depts.	(Total)	397,026.00					
39. Board of Health, Salary		-	2,825.00	-	-	-	-
Wages		-	4,432.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	18,383.00	-	-	-	-
40. Council on Aging, Salary		-	35,762.00	-	-	-	-
Wages		-	225,400.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	29,525.00	-	-	-	-
41. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		-	5,200.00	-	-	-	-
Agent Expenses		-	600.00	-	-	-	-
Veterans Benefits		-	43,200.00	-	-	-	-
42. Veterans Graves, Expenses		-	1,025.00	-	-	-	-
43. Cemetery Commissioners, Salary		-	0.00	-	-	-	-
Wages		-	12,000.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	18,474.00	-	-	-	-
44. Mobilehome/Rent Control Bd., Wages		-	0.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	200.00	-	-	-	-
Culture & Recreation Depts.	(Total)	510,128.00					
45. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		-	45,000.00	-	-	-	-
Wages		-	138,909.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	62,064.00	-	-	-	-
46. Parks & Recreation, Salary		-	35,000.00	-	-	-	-
Wages		-	87,190.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	16,356.00	-	-	-	-
47. Parks & Rec.(Pool)Offset Rcts,Wages		-	25,884.00	-	45,000.00 (Off-set rcts)	-	-
& Expense		-					
48. Parks & Rec. Town Beach Wages & Expenses		-	18,245.00	-	-	-	-
49. Teen Center Wages		-	33,300.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	3,180.00	-	-	-	-
DPW-Buildings & Grounds	(Total)	381,103.00					
50. DPW-Maint/Grounds, Salary		-	0.00	-	-	-	-
Wages		-	223,021.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	28,400.00	-	-	-	-
51. DPW-Law.Mem.Hall, Wages		-	0.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	29,090.00	-	-	-	-

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52.	DPW-Town Common, Expenses	-	1,350.00	-	-	-	-	-
53.	DPW-Town Clock, Wages	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	-
54.	DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses	-	4,150.00	-	-	-	-	-
55.	DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses	-	5,284.00	-	-	-	-	-
56.	DPW-Sr.Cntr.Bldg., Expenses	-	21,598.00	-	-	-	-	-
57.	DPW-Teen Cntr Bldg., Expenses	-	15,470.00	-	-	-	-	-
58.	DPW-New Police Station, Expenses	-	38,190.00	-	-	-	-	-
59.	DPW-Old Police Station, Expenses	-	9,350.00	-	-	-	-	-
60.	DPW-Vacant Bldg., Expenses	-	4,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Pensions & Insurance (Total)	1,247,986.00						
61.	General Insurance, Expenses	-	139,783.00	-	-	-	-	-
62.	Unemployment Insurance, Expenses	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
63.	Workers Compensation Insurance Expenses	-	36,203.00	-	-	-	-	-
64.	Health Insurance, Expenses	-	311,800.00	-	-	-	-	-
65.	Group Life Insurance, Expenses	-	4,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
66.	FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses	-	33,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
67.	Pensions, Expenses	-	712,100.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Unclassified Accounts (Total)	46,448.00						
68.	Historical Commission, Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	-
69.	Historical District, Expenses	-	348.00	-	-	-	-	-
70.	Patriotic Exercises, Expenses	-	300.00	-	-	-	-	-
71.	Printing Annual Reports, Expenses	-	4,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
72.	Unclassified Account, Expenses	-	41,300.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	2,105,734.00						
73.	Interest, Expenses	-	1,064,209.00	-	-	-	-	-
74.	Maturing Debt, Expenses	-	1,041,525.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Council of Government (Total)	62,636.00						
75.	Council of Government, Assessment	-	62,636.00	-	-	-	-	-
12.	To Stabilization Fund							20,000.00
13-20.	None	25,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
21.	From First Night Committee to Holiday Lighting Committee Acct.	4,047.48	-	-	4,047.48	-	-	-
22.	None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.	To Conservation Fund for acquiring property, etc.	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	-

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24	None	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTALS		25,639,723.48	24,454,347.00	-	989,322.48	-	196,054.00

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